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## LibDay queen raises over \$19K

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REPORTER

**P**eyton Gomez was crowned 2017 Liberation Day Queen last Saturday after raising \$19,500 in ticket sales for this year's Liberation Day festivities.

Gomez was crowned the 2017 Miss Liberation Day Royal Court Queen at the coronation night held at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Hibiscus Hall.

Gomez is 16 years old and is the daughter of Wayne and Yvonne Pangelinan. She is currently a senior in high school and plans to join the National Honor Society in her senior year. She enjoys dancing. **See LIBDAY on Page 4**

### 4th of July parade in the afternoon

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This year's Liberation Day parade will take place in the afternoon of July 4.

The 2017 Liberation Day Committee has decided to start the 72nd Liberation Day parade tomorrow at 4pm.

For many years, the Liberation Day parade has been done in the morning. The committee moved the parade to late afternoon in order for families to enjoy the event when the temperature is cooler.

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The 2017 Miss Liberation Day Royal Court at the coronation night held at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Hibiscus Hall.

### CHCC applications in USCIS limbo

By BEA CABRERA  
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Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Esther Muña takes exception to accusations that the corporation did nothing to avert the looming manpower crisis it now faces

with its nurses.

"People think that we were late in submitting papers. We are not late. In fact, we submitted on time and, if only [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services] released the receipts after receiving our employ-

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# Local

## Doubt seen in Hillbroom's lawsuit on Saipan

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Attorney Barry J. Israel, former lawyer of Junior Larry Hillbroom, now doubts how Hillbroom's lawsuit against him and lawyer David J. Lujan can proceed, given Hillbroom's 60-day prison term and a pending drug case in Palau.

Israel, through counsel Theodore W. Frank, said the U.S. District Court for the NMI and the parties in Hillbroom's law-

suit are in no better position now to determine how the Palau's criminal cases will affect the civil case on Saipan since its last hearing on Feb. 21, 2017.

Hillbroom's legal malpractice lawsuit against Israel and Lujan is due for a jury trial in federal court on Feb. 6, 2018.

In Israel's response to Hillbroom's notice about his guilty plea, Frank said the circumstances and Hillbroom's prior conduct makes it difficult to see how Hillbroom can be de-

posed on Saipan between Aug. 17 and Sept. 29, 2017—"a narrow window."

He said Hillbroom has a history of purposely missing flights to Saipan and that Israel and Lujan have been trying to take his deposition for years.

Deposition refers to taking testimony of a witness outside of court.

Hillbroom recently pleaded guilty to escaping from prison in Palau as part of a plea deal. He was slapped with a 60-day

prison term.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona heard the status of Hillbroom's criminal cases in Palau last Wednesday.

According to court documents, Palau Associate Justice Lourdes Materne sentenced Hillbroom to five years of supervised probation, with 60 days to be served in prison. Hillbroom was also required to complete drug rehabilitation, write a letter of apology, and pay a \$2,000 fine and restitution.

In a separate order pertaining to the drug case, Materne

issued an order last June 14 setting a hearing for Oct. 16, 2017, on Hillbroom's motion for production of discovery.

Hillbroom is one of the four DNA-proven children of the late business tycoon and DHL co-founder Larry Lee Hillbloom. He was recaptured in Palau hours after he escaped from police's custody on Feb. 9, 2016, just a few hours after he was arrested over the seizure of \$160,000 worth of methamphetamine or "ice."

Hillbroom's name is spelled differently from DHL co-founder Hillblom.

Citing a June 28 *Daily Mail* article, Frank noted that Hillbroom is not allowed to leave Palau under the terms of his probation.

Additionally, Frank pointed out, the notice indicates that a discovery hearing has been set for Oct. 16, 2017, in Hillbroom's drug trafficking case, but there is no indication that a trial date has been set.

## Finance to focus on beefing up manpower

The Department of Finance is looking at hiring and training more people for the enforcement of CNMI tax laws, ultimately increasing efficiency.

During Friday's budget hearing of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Finance Department asked for a budget of \$5.4 million in fiscal year 2018—about the same amount as the governor's proposal.

"We talked a lot about our enforcement plans and [hiring], because we are finally almost fully staffed," said Secretary Larissa Larson, adding that the department has been understaffed for quite some time.

"Hopefully, with the new staff coming on board, you are going to see a new efficiency out of us," she said.

Larson plans to hire key positions for the department, including a legal counsel—which baffled committee members, as they asked why the department not put it under the attorney general's budget.

"We need technical expertise when it comes to legal issues regarding tax. That is one of the issues that we resolved

by bringing [in additional people]," said Larson.

Another key position Larson mentioned was the hiring of a director for Revenue and Taxation, a position that has been vacant for over five years. Qualifications for the position has been a constant issue, as Larson said it was more feasible to work in the private sector with those qualifications.

"It takes a special person because when you're in that division, you are also going after family and friends," said Larson, adding that the future director of Revenue and Taxation must be strong.

"In a culture like ours where we are very family-oriented, sometimes it is not that easy," she added.

Either way, Larson assured that the department is working on "training and developing staff" because Larson believes the more they develop their staff, the more efficient the department would be.

"The government is never very efficient, but we'd like to be as efficient as possible," she said. *(Erwin Encinares)*

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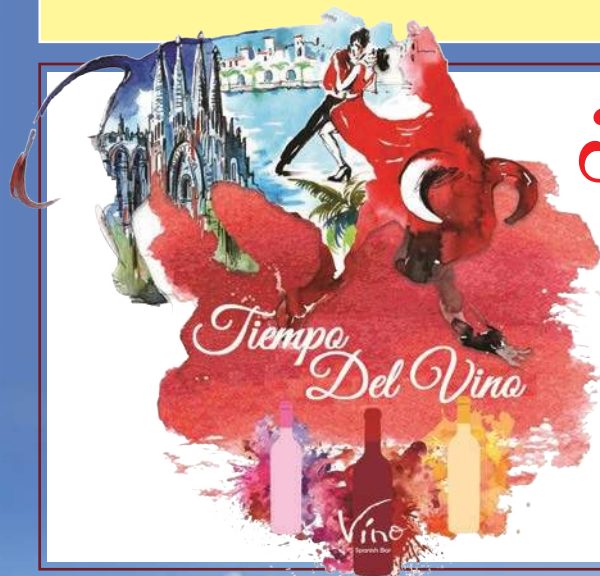
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## Sex offender back in prison again

A year after being in prison for failing to update the Sex Offender Registry about his verification information and other violations, sex offender Ivan Jones Castro is back in prison on the same charges.

Castro, 36, turned himself in to the Superior Court on Friday after the Department of Public Safety said Thursday that he is a wanted person.

The court maintained Friday the \$25,000 cash bail it initially set in Castro's arrest warrant.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit was appointed as counsel

for Castro. Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds appeared for the government.



Castro

Preliminary hearing will be on July 7 at 9am.

Castro had pleaded guilty to sex abuse of a minor in the second degree in 2003. He was granted parole in November 2005 and registered as a sex offender in 2006.

In May 2016, he was sentenced to six months and 30 days in prison for failing to update his information with the Sex Offender Registry Office, for having contact with minors, and for

violating his probation conditions.

Castro was given credit of 161 days of time served. He was released on June 17, 2016, and placed on supervised probation for three years.

Castro was required to abide by all the terms and conditions of the Sex Offender Registry, including notifying DPS of any address changes within two days and not living in a household with any non-biological minors.

On March 14, 2017, a Drug Enforcement Task Force officer served an arrest warrant on Castro for trafficking of methamphetamine or "ice." The court released Castro to a third party custodian on April 28, 2017.

Police said that Castro did not update the Sex Offender Registry Office about his whereabouts since his

release on bail.

The case is currently being han-

dled by Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

## Jury trial set for another sex assault case on Rota

The Rota Courthouse will once again hear a sexual assault case.

On Friday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho set the jury trial of 33-year-old Serafin M. Ogo for Oct. 10, 2017.

Ogo, an employee of the Rota Mayor's Office, faces two charges of sexual assault in the second degree.

The Office of the Attorney General alleged that Ogo inappropriately touched an 18-year-old girl on June 9 on Rota. It is also alleged that Ogo touched the victim and told her to stop moving when she tried to move away from him between May 1 and

June 30, 2016.

The Department of Public Safety dispatch received a call last June 19 regarding a sexual assault case. The victim said that Ogo, who smelled of alcohol, rubbed her right inner thigh. She tried to move away but Ogo grabbed her privates. The victim got up from the table but Ogo allegedly approached her from behind and grabbed her right breast. The victim said she was scared.

The victim said that between May 1 and June 30, 2016, when she was just 17, Ogo also rubbed her right leg and privates. She said she was afraid and shocked. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



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# Rota participants complete ASL course

The University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at Northern Marianas College recently offered a two-day training course in Basic American Sign Language and Deaf culture on Rota.

Participants of the courses included members of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, the Rota Fire

Department, the Rota Police Department, and the CNMI UCEDD. Upon completion of the course, participants received certificates from NMC's Community Development Institute and UCEDD. There were 15 people who attended the training workshop.

Taught by Iyvanne Ealy, a certified ASL instructor at the NMC Community Develop-

ment Institute, the purpose of the ASL training is to help service providers develop skills to effectively engage and communicate with deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals. Along with the basics such as the manual alphabet and numbers, general vocabulary and signs largely associated with the workplace of service providers (e.g., medical and social

work-related) were taught. An overview of Deaf culture and resources for communicating and advocating for the Deaf was also included in the training.

This was the third time the Basic ASL course was held on Rota.

"We will continue to step up the number of training opportunities that are provided

[on] Rota," said NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez. Previous ASL trainings on Rota were held in January and March 2017.

Raquelita Ramos, who works for the Department of Cultural and Community Affairs, said, "I learned a lot about sign language because before this training, I knew nothing about sign language so this was a good learning experience for myself."

Another participant, firefighter/EMT D.J. Atalig said the ASL training was fun, helpful, and relates to the type of work they do.

"In the event I encounter a situation dealing with a deaf person, I feel a little more at ease knowing some of the basic sign language," Atalig said. "I definitely would recommend the ASL training to other people to take it, and I heard there's a Level II and I hope that they will bring that training to Rota."

More training workshops are already being planned for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to be held in the next few months. In addition to the basic ASL class, an intermediate ASL class will also be offered. (NMC)



NMC

The CNMI University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at Northern Marianas College held a training workshop for representatives of the Department of Public Safety, Department of Fire and Emergency Services, and Department of Community and Cultural Affairs on Rota. Photo includes participants from DCCA, DPS, DFEMS, as well as ASL instructor Iyvanne Ealy, Martin Mendiola (NMC-Rota director), Jennifer-Eilleen E. Castro (UCEDD program manager), and Floyd R. Masga (UCEDD director).

## CHCC

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ment application for fiscal year 2018, then our nurses will be qualified for the 240-day extension and there will be no disruption to the hospital's operations," Muña said.

In a discussion with reporters, Muña cited the timeline the corporation followed in applying for the nurses' permits.

"The work permits of these nurses expire July 1, 2017. We knew that and we at CHCC, of course, started work on the renewals last year. On Oct. 14, 2016, USCIS issued a notice that it has reached the cap for fiscal year 2017 so the CHCC was unable to file extension petitions on behalf of its employees, including the 18 nurses whose CW-1 permits expire in July," Muña said.

Since the nurses were "capped-out" last December 2016, as per procedure, CHCC had to wait for six months to turn in the new applications for CW-1 workers, which is supposedly scheduled in July 2017. However, USCIS opened the application for fiscal year 2018 applications on

April 3, 2017, and CHCC was notified.

As soon as they learned this, Muña said that CHCC began processing papers for fiscal year 2018—with a start date of Oct. 1, 2017, to Sept. 30, 2018—every day and submitted its applications last April 10, 2017.

"We have a FedEx document that says USCIS received the applications. But since then we have not heard from them," Muña added.

After April 10, 2017, the next challenge was to "fill in the gap." Knowing how critical and vital the positions are, CHCC, filed a "bridge" petition to USCIS last May 25, 2017, where the timeframe is from July 2 to Sept. 30, 2017.

The objective of the bridge petition is to close the gap between the current expiration of the CW-1 visas on July 1 and the new permit period for these 18 nurses that will start in October 2017.

"The petition was not entertained by USCIS. We received a letter from them saying 'You are capped out already.' Their answer was not on point because we are just asking for an extension to bridge the expiration of July to October 2017 and our argu-

ment was these nurses were already included in the cap of 2017," Muña said.

With the rejection of the bridge petition, the nurses have no status from July 1 to October 2017.

She said the office of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) sent her an email that the 18 nurses are qualified to acquire the 240-day extension given to CW-1 visa holders, so long as they meet three requirements: their CW-1 visa will expire in 2017, an application has been submitted for them to USCIS for fiscal year 2018, and a receipt has been released and given to CHCC.

But Muña said the lack of a USCIS receipt stymies this.

"Our situation is, we can comply with the first two requirements but not the third because USCIS did not issue or release a receipt to us even up to this day. Again the missing link is the receipt," Muña said.

"So we have been asking USCIS, where is our receipt(s)?" she added.

CHCC also learned that USCIS hasn't cashed the checks for the employment applications.

Muña said the only evidence the corporation has that

it submitted the applications is the FedEx receipt.

"That's all we have. What is classified as a receipt? Is it our application that was received by the courier or is it the receipt that the application has been entered in the system, because we followed up twice with the local USCIS and they could not give us clear answers. They said they couldn't identify them in the system. They were not recorded in the system as receipts."

Muña said that CHCC is exhausting all remedies available to it. "We've elevated this problem to the ombudsman of Homeland Security. We just need answers, as simply as that."

Despite the odds, 12 of the 18 nurses will exhaust the 10-day rule after their CW-1 permits expire.

"I cannot convince these nurses to stay and risk their status. They need something in black and white. Certainty. Majority of them, except for a few, have agreed to take advantage of the 10-day rule and so they are willing to stay up to the 6th but they cannot work until we have something," Muña said.

"I fervently hope we get answers soon," she added.

## 4TH

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Also, having it done late afternoon will lead straight into the evening festivities like fireworks and performances.

Last Thursday, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang briefed parade participants such as floats and marching groups at his office.

Despite the changes, Apatang hopes the parade will go as smoothly as possible and that the changes will benefit everyone.

One of the many concerns raised at the briefing was a possible shortage of time. Some parade participants were concerned that if the parade were to start late in the afternoon, there would not be enough time for each group to showcase their exhibition to the judges and there won't be enough time before the sun sets to really enjoy the parade.

Most were accustomed to the parade taking place in the morning and having enough time to showcase every float without the time crunch.

According to Apatang, be-

cause the parade is set for 4pm, he and the committee are going to be strict regarding the starting time and the amount of time each float and group will have to show the judges their exhibition.

Apatang sternly informed all parade participants that once the roads are closed, they are closed. If they are not in line and ready for the parade before 4pm, then they won't be part of the parade.

Parade participants were also advised not to throw anything for safety measures.

Each float will have five minutes or less to go out to the audience to give out their treats and goodies.

The parade will start at exactly 4pm on Tuesday, July 4. All floats will be lined up by numbers and will meet at Quartermaster Road before 4pm. Roads will be closed at exactly 3pm.

Marching groups will meet at the National Office Supply and will be lined up there.

The lineup is still under arrangement because of the amount of floats and marching groups who applied to join the parade.

## LIBDAY

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ing, reading, and performing.

All Liberation Day Royal Court candidates were made to represent native birds. In Gomez's case, she represented the White-Throated Ground Dove or *paluman apaka*—one of the CNMI's rarely sighted birds.

According to Gomez, joining the CNMI Liberation Day Royal Court was a way for her to honor culture and freedom and to do something brave and out of the box.

Her inspiration is her mother. According to Gomez, her mother never fails to encourage her to step out of her comfort zone and "do something brave."

Gomez was overwhelmed with joy at her victory and is beyond grateful for all the people who gave their support and helped her achieve her goal of becoming the Miss Liberation Royal Court Queen.

Throughout her journey of being a candidate in the Miss Liberation Day Royal Court, Gomez found a wellspring of confidence and learned how to socialize. According to Gomez, she also learned of the role that the youth play in the community.

For those who want to join Miss Liberation, but are experiencing setbacks, she has these words to say: "Go for it! I was super afraid in the beginning, but I pushed myself out of my comfort zone and I couldn't be more happier about my decision."

According to Gomez the most important part of her journey is not the crown but the unforgettable experience.

Gomez's favorite part of the entire experience was making friends with her fellow candidates and meeting the former Miss Liberation Day queen.

"They're such amazing, wonderful people, and I hold them close to my heart," said Gomez.



# DYS summer camp had 2 cohorts



BEA CABRERA

Children ages 6-13 years stay active at the 2017 Summer Youth in Transition Camp by Division of Youth Services at the Carolinian Utt.

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REPORTER

For Azriel, Alyanna, and Aliya, the youth summer camp organized by the Division of Youth Service last June not only kept them busy during the summer months; it also had topics on personal development.

Colleen F. Diaz, program coordinator from the DYS Family and Youth Enhancement programs, said the summer camp had speakers from the newly created drug court, dentists from the SDA dental clinic, from the Non-Communicable Diseases Division of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., who talked about healthy plates and diets, and the division's Child Protection Unit, who talked about safe and unsafe touches with camp participants.

The two-week summer program, called the 2017 Youth in Transition Summer

Camp, was held from June 19 to 30, from 7:30am to 11:30am. For the first time, this year's camp was held in two different locations: at Hopwood Middle School in Chalan Piao and at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan.

"We wanted to touch base with the different youths from different areas on island. For both locations, the turnout was good. The program is great for the youth participants and for our youth volunteers," said Diaz.

The camp programs focused on counseling, anger and aggression management, training and counseling. It gave children knowledge in sports, culture, new skills, good hygiene, and nutrition.

The participants' ages ranged between 6 and 13 years old. They were provided breakfast composed of fruits, bread, and milk to keep them energized for the activities that follow.

"We exposed the youth to sports and wellness, arts and crafts, traditional practices such as coconut weaving, bead making and traditional dancing. We also had a recycling program where we teach the kids to make trash into treasure."

The Carolinian Utt and Commonwealth Arts Council provided artists and craft making professionals who could instruct children how to do those things, Diaz said.

"We found about the summer camp from the Tanapag Youth Center... This is such a good event for the kids, something to keep them active rather than watching television all day," said Beatriz Matifola, mother of Azriel,

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Alyanna, and Aliya.

The long-term goal is for other agencies to collaborate with DYS and provide summer camps north, east, west

and south of Saipan.

"As much as possible we want the kids to be active and we want to keep them informed. We would love

to have it longer but for this project, we wanted to try out summer camp in different locations to reach different demographics," Diaz added.

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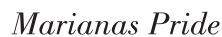
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In a memo issued Friday, acting governor Victor B. Hocog said: "Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and I hope that you join us for the festivities on July 4th, and we encourage you all to continue celebrating our cultures, our community, and our service to one another." (*Saipan Tribune*)

For all new, ongoing and returning applicants, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance program is now accepting applications for fall 2017. Application deadline is today, July 3, 2017, and deadline to submit all supporting documents is on Sept. 30, 2017. Application and checklist can be downloaded from [www.saipanshefa.net](http://www.saipanshefa.net). For more information, visit the SHEFA website, email [saipanshefa@gmail.com](mailto:saipanshefa@gmail.com), or call the office directly at (670) 233-5995. Applications can be scanned and emailed, submitted to the SHEFA office, or faxed to (670) 235-5996. **(PR)**

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will have its general membership meeting on Wednesday, July 5, at the Seaside Hall, Kanoa Resort, featuring Marian Aldan-Pierce, district president of DFS and board member of the Northern Marianas Business Alliance Corp. She will discuss the need for collective documentation that outlines the efforts to recruit and train U.S. eligible workers as well as other factors that have affected hiring practices in the CNMI. Also speaking are representatives of the CNMI State Rehabilitation Council. Luncheon will be served at 11:30am, and the meeting will begin at noon. **(PR)**

The Garapan Fishing Base boat ramp and its parking facility will be closed to all vessels until Wednesday July 5, 2017. This is to provide access and parking to Liberation Festival patrons. Use the Smiling Cove Marina boat ramp at this time. For questions, call 664-6000. **(PR)**

In observance of Independence Day on Tuesday, July 4, 2017, both the Lower Base transfer station and the Marpi landfill will be closed all day. Regular operations resume Wednesday, July 5, 2017. **(PR)**

**ASAN, Guam**—The U.S. military will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla on July 5, from 2pm to 9pm. It is recommended the public, fishermen and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island. Farallon de Medinilla, located in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, supports aircrew combat readiness training. **(PR)**

The Compassionate Friends of Saipan will be holding their monthly grief support meeting on Thursday, July 6, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road, in Gualo Rai.

For more information, e-mail [tcfSaipan@gmail.com](mailto:tcfSaipan@gmail.com) or call Jill Derickson (989-9821) or Donna Krum (783-1900). To learn more about The Compassionate Friends, visit their website at [www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org). **(PR)**

The Public School System Child Nutrition Program today announced its policy for children *unable* to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Regardless of financial standing and participation in programs such as WIC or NAP, ***a new free school meal application must be completed and submitted each school year to receive free school meal benefits.***

Meal prices for the 2017-2018 school year will remain the same as the previous year. Students who do not qualify for free school meals may buy a subsidized school breakfast for \$0.50. Additional breakfasts can be purchased for \$2.40 at elementary schools and \$2.80 at secondary schools. Students who do not qualify for free school meals may purchase a subsidized school lunch for \$0.75. Additional lunches can be purchased for \$3.80 at elementary schools and \$4.30 at secondary schools.

Application forms are now available at the PSS Child Nutrition Program Office and are being sent to all public schools with a notice to parents or guardians. Applications are available at Tinian Elementary School and Rota Junior High School as well. To apply for free meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school or to the PSS Child Nutrition Program office. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. The application can be downloaded from the PSS website at <http://www.cnmipss.org/fns/>

To obtain free meals for children for whose households receive Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, an adult member needs only to list the names of the school children, give a valid food stamp case number for each child, sign his/her name, list his/her social security number, and return the application to the school office.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free meals of households not receiving Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, the household must also provide the following information requested on the application: names of all household members, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. In lieu of a social security number, the household may indicate that the signer does not possess a social security number. Also, the income received by each household member must be provided by amount and source (wages, SSI, child support, etc.). For verification purposes, copies of the two most recent check stubs for each working adult staying in the household must be included with the application. Failure to include these items will delay the processing of the application.

Under the provisions of the free meal policy, the PSS Child Nutrition Program Manager will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent/guardian wishes to make a formal appeal, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to: Mr. Dale Roberts, PSS Child Nutrition Program Manager located in government house 1251 located on Capital Hill, Saipan.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the family should contact the CNP Office. Such changes may make the household eligible for free meals if the household income falls at or below the IEG levels listed in the chart, and they may reapply at that time.

In most cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a household has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for free school meals, the household should complete an application for a family of one or contact the CNP office for more information.

The information provided by the household on the application is confidential. PSS is authorized to release student free and school meal eligibility status only to persons directly connected with the administration and enforcement of federal or state educational programs.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official.

Children determined eligible for free meals last school year will receive free meals for up to 30 days after the opening of school on August 16, 2017.

To avoid delays in free school meal services due to processing, all applications should be completed and submitted to PSS CNP before September 1, 2017.

2017-2018		2017-2018		LEAVE THIS SPACE BLANK	
Application for Free School Meals--- CNMI Public School System--- Food and Nutrition Services					
<b>Part 1- List each Student's name and information. List names how they are registered at their schools. Write the Food Stamp Card Number if applicable</b>					
Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Middle Initial	Date of Birth Month / Day / Year	Grade (K-12)	School Name
1.			/ /		
2.			/ /		
3.			/ /		
4.			/ /		
5.			/ /		
					Food Stamp # (If applicable)
					SSI or Income (If Applicable)
					\$
					\$
<b>Part 2- List all other members of the household. Do not include students listed above in part 1. Report all current income received last month. Attach copies of last month's check stubs for income verification.</b>					
<b>Names of All Household Members</b> (do not include students listed in Part 1)			<b>Household Gross Income</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if person has NO INCOME.			For each household member, list each kind of income and how often it is received: weekly, bi-weekly (every two weeks) per month, monthly. If the person receives no income, place a check in the box next to the person's name.		
Last Name	First Name		Wages and salaries from all jobs ---Before deductions---	Pension, SSI, Retirement, Social Security	Any other income
1.		\$	per	\$	per
2.		\$	per	\$	per
3.		\$	per	\$	per
4.		\$	per	\$	per
5.		\$	per	\$	per
<b>Part 3- Signature and Social Security Number: An adult listed in Part 2 must sign the application and provide a social security number before it can be approved.</b>					
I certify (promise) that all of the above information is true and correct and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of Federal funds; that PSS officials may verify (check) the information on the application; and that deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to prosecution under applicable Commonwealth or Federal laws and my children may lose meal benefits.					
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian	Sign Here			Date Signed	Date
Print your name	First Last			Mailing Address: PO Box City / State / Zip	Mailing Address
Last four digits of Social Security Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you do not have a SSN			Daytime Telephone:	Working Telephone
EMAIL ADDRESS					
<small>For PSS Food and Nutrition official use, please do not write below this line</small>					
Categorical Eligibility: NAP	Income	Temporary until	/ /	DYS	Other
Total Monthly Income:		Household Size			
Monthly Income Conversion: Weekly x 4.33		Bi-weekly x 2.15		Twice a month x 2	
Signature of Determining Official: FNS Administrator,		date:			

**List the names and info of each child attending school or day care.**

**List the names of all members of the household and all income.**

**One of the legal guardians listed in part 2 must sign and date the form.**

2017-2018 Federal Income Guidelines (IEG) for Free Meal Eligibility. If your household income falls within these guidelines your children MAY be eligible to receive free school meals.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	2x per Month	Bi-weekly	Weekly
1	\$ 15,678	\$ 1,307	\$ 654	\$ 603	\$ 302
2	21,112	1,760	880	812	406
3	26,546	2,213	1,107	1,021	511
4	31,980	2,665	1,333	1,230	615
5	37,414	3,118	1,559	1,439	720
6	42,848	3,571	1,786	1,648	824
7	48,282	4,024	2,012	1,857	929
8	53,716	4,477	2,239	2,066	1,033
Add'l member, Add	+ 5,434	+ 453	+ 227	+ 209	+ 105

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official. The PSS CNP office can be reached on Saipan: 664-3901 / 3902 or fax 664-3717. Tinian: 237-4106/4105. Rota: 237-4046/4041/4042



## USCIS to naturalize 15,000 new citizens

WASHINGTON, D.C.— U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will celebrate the 241<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, and America's birthday, by welcoming nearly 15,000 new U.S. citizens during more than 65 Independence Day-themed naturalization ceremonies across the country this year.

The U.S. District Court in the CNMI will be hosting a similar ceremony today, July 3.

"July 4th marks the birth of our country, and for 15,000 people, it marks the birth of a new chapter as American citizens," acting USCIS director James McCament said. "These new members of our community will add to the diverse fabric of our nation and will now be able to enjoy the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship."

USCIS' Independence Day activities this year will feature a naturalization ceremony at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana, on July 3. During this event, McCament will administer the oath of allegiance and deliver congratulatory remarks to 49 new Americans.

The importance of the Declaration of Independence and Independence Day in the Uni-

ted States is reflected in several places on the naturalization test. Prospective citizens may see them in six different ques-

tions on the civics test, including, "What did the Declaration of Independence do?" and "When do we celebrate Inde-

pendence Day?"

To help applicants practice for the civics test, we recently launched our first official mobile app for the public, *USCIS: Civics Test Study Tools*,

which is currently available for download in the Google Play and iTunes stores. In addition to being the only official USCIS Civics Test application, the app keeps old

tests for review, has a game to challenge your civics knowledge, and lists all 100 questions and answers that could be asked in the actual civics test. (USCIS)



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# Program volunteers haul 10 tons of garbage in 8 months

Participants in the Marianas Visitors Authority's Beautify My Marianas program have collected over 20,000 lbs of garbage in the last eight months, prompting the tourism authority to call for stricter enforcement of anti-littering laws.

"The amount of garbage being thrown at our public parks, beaches, and roadways is just ridiculous. People have been talking for years about enforcement, but for the most part, not much is being done," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "Something has to change."

Since the beginning of the fiscal year, 244 groups have joined the MVA in their destination enhancement efforts by picking up trash at designated locations. Over the same period, the groups have collectively amassed 20,290 lbs of trash.

In February 2017, 63 new litter-control or apprehending officers from seven different agencies were certified by the Division of Environmental Quality, the Office of the Attorney General, and De-



Discarded drink containers are collected by young volunteers of the Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ - 4th Watch on June 3, 2017, on Saipan. In two hours, the group collected 140 lbs of trash.

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partment of Public Safety to enforce the Litter Control Act of 1989, as amended by Public Law 19-53.

While citations have since been issued for a number of illegal dumping violations, everyday beachgoers leaving their trash at the beach also have to start being held accountable.

"We promote ourselves as a pristine and beautiful destination, but continue to allow our

islands to be trashed on a daily basis. We need to get serious about enforcing our anti-littering laws. We trust that our enforcement agencies are able to beef up their efforts massively because this type of image ruins all the progress we've made the past few years. We know that the vast majority of litter is found during and after weekends at public parks or beaches, which are frequented heavily by local residents. We

ask that everyone pack up their trash and properly dispose of it in an approved waste bin. Do not leave your trash behind!" said Concepcion.

Under Public Law 19-53 any person found littering shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 and not more than \$5,000. Apprehending officers are from Bureau of

Environmental and Coastal Quality, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Health, Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Department of Public Works, Commonwealth Zoning Office, and Saipan Mayor's Office.

The Beautify My Marianas has been ongoing for several

years, allowing the community to support tourism while raising funds by being compensated by the MVA. Concepcion added that with proper enforcement of anti-littering laws, the program would turn its efforts toward tree-planting, painting of public areas, or other beautification projects. (MVA)



On June 3, 2017, the Basa family gathers party trash left at Pakpak Beach. The group collected 150 lbs of trash at two beaches and reported a large amount of household trash found dumped at Coral Ocean Point.

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## 'Thank you Imperial Pacific for supporting Tagaman'

The organizer of the 2017 Tagaman Triathlon is appreciative of Imperial Pacific International Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility team for helping out at the June 24 triathlon by handing out water to the runners.

This was the first time for the CSR team to assist in the triathlon. It assisted with two aid stations for the runners.

The Tagaman is a signature event of the Marianas Visitors

Authority, aimed at attracting visiting athletes and media coverage for the Marianas. The recently staged event was contracted to the Northern Marianas Cycling Federation in cooperation with the Triathlon Association of the CNMI or TRAC.

"TRAC is a new sport organization and, like other sports organization, we rely on our activities and generosity of the community. IPI is one of first

companies who helped us out on our very first event," said Ricky Castro of the Triathlon Association of the CNMI, which partnered with NMICF and MVA in this year's Tagaman.

Tagaman is a labor intensive event that includes harmonizing swim, bike and run.

With IPI-CSR assisting in the event by volunteering at aid stations, it lessened the burden on the organizing com-

mittee, according to Castro.

"Because of [Imperial Pacific's] support, we are able to allot more time and focus on other important aspect of running the multi-sport event," he said. "The IPI-CSR nucleus staff is reliable on events like Tagaman Triathlon."

This year's Tagaman saw the participation of more than 80 individuals, including off-island entries. The number surpassed the 2016 turnout. (PR)



A team from Imperial Pacific International Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility at the 2017 Tagaman Triathlon.

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Imperial Pacific's CSR team set up two aid stations along the route of the Tagaman Triathlon.

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IPI-CSR assists a Japanese athlete at one of the aid stations.

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# Skywalker still dedicated to Liberation fest



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Skywalker Communications Group, LLC donated 29 of its canopy tents to the Saipan Mayor's Office for use during the 2017 CNMI Liberation festival.

Skywalker Communications Group, LLC donated 29 of its canopy tents, four children's game booths, and lighting equipment to the Saipan Mayor's Office for use during the 2017 CNMI Liberation festival.

"The Liberation festival is one of CNMI's biggest events," said Dr. Bo Hu, chairman of the Skywalker group of companies. "As a member of this community, it is imperative that we provide assistance when needed."

"Due to obligations to other projects that we are involved in overseas, we do not have the necessary number of staff on island to organize this year's event. However, the team we have on island still continues to assist when needed," added Bo.

In 2015 and 2016, Skywalker Communications Group organized and footed majority of the costs associated with putting the event together.

In 2016, the Skywalker team was able to make his-

tory by having almost 30 candidates and broadcasting the nightly events worldwide with the assistance of IT&E. (PR)



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## EDITORIAL

### Happy Fourth

The Fourth of July wasn't relaxing in 1776, the year delegates from the 13 American colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence to break away from British rule. Thanks to them, this Fourth of July provides us a more calming moment to relax, unplug and appreciate what those men set in motion.

For months, the pace has been only fast-forward. Terror attacks overseas, national political controversies and violence at home leave the impression that order and structure are declining. Our overbooked lives of to-do lists, errands and round-the-clock work leave us needing a reprieve. This holiday can provide that.

The Fourth of July is the only summer holiday that doesn't symbolize the beginning or end of the season. Sandwiched between Memorial Day and Labor Day, it allows us to step away from work and enjoy the lushness of the season. It gives us the opportunity to be present. Go outside, watch a parade, visit a park, walk a trail, sit on a beach or drop in on a neighbor. We can step out of the routine of our daily lives.

The Fourth comes with all the Americana we enjoy—barbecues, fireworks, boat rides and dips in the waters that surround us. With that in mind, we should all be sure to do one thing before our holiday plans take hold—unplug.

We all celebrate our patriotism differently. But there is little disagreement that Independence Day and the marvelous freedoms it enshrines deserve to be celebrated. That's one American value everyone can get behind, and one that can unite us all, regardless of our different points of view.

So enjoy this special summer break. It'll pay off tenfold to be present when the fireworks burst.

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## Remembering the last president to die on July 4

In the fall of '16, Americans elected a presidential candidate with a well-deserved reputation for partisanship. Once inaugurated, he surprised his countrymen by seeking to end party politics and usher in a time of unity among Americans rarely seen in our history.

Obviously, we're not talking about 2016.

No, this was in 1816, and that president was James Monroe. He and President Trump share little in common. Where Trump graduated from military school at 18 and compared it to actually being in the military, Monroe at the same age was a lieutenant in the Continental Army and almost bled to death from a musket wound at Trenton. Both were well-educated: Trump at Fordham and Wharton, and Monroe at William and Mary, later studying law under a fellow named Jefferson. While the presidency is Trump's first position in government, it was Monroe's last, after serving as state representative; governor; congressman; senator; ambassador to France, Spain, and Great Britain; and secretary of both state and war (both at once during part of the War of 1812).

Unlike the thrice-married Trump, Monroe was married but once, to a woman whose death after 44 years of marriage broke his heart and possibly precipitated his own demise. A lifetime of public service helped make Monroe a pauper (a pitfall Trump will probably avoid). And while Trump made his reputation as a real estate tycoon, Monroe, land-poor all his life, did have a hand in a couple of realty deals: Florida and the Louisiana Purchase.

Throughout his political career, Monroe was more of a Jeffersonian Republican than, well, Jefferson. In Congress he argued for a new Constitution, only to vote against it for its lack of a Bill of Rights. Like Trump, he was thin-skinned; intentional and unintended slights at the hands of Washington, Jefferson and Madison enraged Monroe, who almost fought a duel with Hamilton over an insult. In contrast to Trump, Monroe possessed a forgiving nature, saving many a friendship.

The big difference between the two? Once elected president, Monroe abandoned his partisan ways. In his first inaugural address, he declared Americans to be "one great family with a common interest," and proceeded to prove it. Like his successors Harry Truman, John F. Kennedy, and George H. W. Bush, Monroe had faced death up close as a junior officer; like them, he shaped his military policies on improving America's defenses, unwilling to frivolously risk the lives of soldiers and sailors.

Monroe's cabinet is considered one of the finest in our history. William Crawford (Treasury), Benjamin Crowninshield (Navy), and William Wirt (attorney general) are not household names,

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The Philadelphia Inquirer

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but they were well-qualified and successful. John Calhoun, years from becoming slavery's mouthpiece, brought organizational skills and bold ideas to the War Department. Lastly, the working relationship Monroe had with his secretary of state, John Quincy Adams, is rivaled only by the team of Truman and George Marshall. The culmination of their efforts is the doctrine they forged at the end of Monroe's second term that bears his name.

His extensive tours of the United States—a first for a president—were instrumental in elevating the mood of postwar America. Easily recognizable in his outdated knee breeches and buckled shoes, he was rapturously received by his countrymen, who never dreamed they would meet a president. He also used these visits as opportunities to mend political fences. The tours contributed greatly to Monroe's first term being known as the "Era of Good Feelings," and increased his determination to improve the country's roadways and canals with federal funds—an early infrastructure policy.

His presidency wasn't all halcyon days of yore. The Panic of 1819 created a near collapse of the American economy. The Missouri Compromise of 1820 ended talk of dissolving the Union, but began kicking the issue of slavery down the long road toward Fort Sumter. Monroe's dealings with Native Americans were more humane than Andrew Jackson's, but he did believe that "their independence as communities should cease" if the tribes were to survive while Americans grabbed their homelands.

Monroe declared to his fellow whites that "the God who made us made the black people" who "ought not to be treated with barbarity." The man who, as Virginia's governor, systematically suppressed one slave rebellion, would as president order the U.S. Navy across the seas to capture slave ships and return the inhumanly treated Africans aboard to their home shores. When in England, he championed William Wilberforce's efforts to outlaw slavery throughout Great Britain, and later worked with the American Colonization Society for a solution at home. In the end, though, Monroe was another in a line of Virginia presidents who railed against slavery while buying and selling slaves and never freeing them.

In 1831, Monroe became the last president to die on the Fourth of July. His leadership both shaped and reflected his times. It remains to be seen if the current president will be judged to reflect ours. Perhaps someday Trump will try uniting the country as Monroe and other presidents attempted, but that looks unlikely.

If not, oh well; hindsight is 2020.



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## How does government promote safety and happiness?

By **JOHN SCHMEECKLE**  
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

There is a growing sense that our political system isn't functioning as it should. There were similar feelings in the 1760s and 1770s, when the British overlords strayed onto a course that eventually led to political upheaval and revolution.

Public-spirited colonial leaders, as part of their quest for workable solutions to the crisis of their time, repeatedly expressed the well-known standard for good government: the safety and happiness of the people.

Even King George III used the phrase safety and happiness. In October 1775, he informed Parliament that he was raising troops to suppress the rebellious traitors in the American colonies, while assuring all that "the most earnest wishes of my heart tend wholly to the 'safety and happiness of all my people.'"

Congress responded in the Resolution on Independent Governments of May 1776, recommending that all royal government "should be totally suppressed," and that the colonies should establish governments that "conduce to the happiness and safety" of the people. This resolution cleverly embodied definitions of both safety and happiness. It defined safety as "defence of lives, liberties and properties," and it defined happiness as "internal peace, virtue, and good order." This definition of happiness in terms of virtue reflected the age-old natural law tradition, which saw happiness as the byproduct of the "perfection" (mature development) of virtue, which includes habitually acting out of love for our fellow humans. Thomas Jefferson dutifully wrote this natural law doctrine into the Declaration of Independence, declaring the right of the people to alter or abolish government that fails to promote their safety and happiness.

The phrase safety and happiness goes back to the Roman philosopher Cicero, who wrote that "laws were invented for the 'safety of citizens, the preservation of States, and the tranquility and happiness of human life.'" In the 1760s, John Dickinson—then the leading spokesman for colonial opposition to Parliament—wrote that "Men cannot be happy, without Freedom; nor free, without Security of Property; nor so secure, unless the sole Power to dispose of it be lodged in themselves; therefore no People can be free, but where Taxes are imposed on them with their own Consent, given personally, or by their Representatives."

In other words, safety—the protection of life, liberty and property—is a prerequisite for happiness, but it isn't happiness itself. The pursuit of happiness is a futile quest if we aren't safe, and the promotion of both safety and happiness is a function of good government. Furthermore, as the Founders emphasized, the survival of a republic depends on the cultivation of virtue among the populace.

Therefore, the individual's right—and responsibility—to pursue happiness corresponds to society's responsibility to promote an environment that encourages the mature development of healthy, well-adjusted citizens who are in turn motivated to promote the well-being of the entire community. When John F. Kennedy exhorted his fellow Americans to "ask what you can do for your country," his words echoed the spirit of the Declaration of Independence.

These days, the nation is challenged by new technologies that enable our elections to be hacked, by a globalizing world that has unpredictable effects on the national economy, by the persistent threat of international terrorism, by growing income disparity within our borders, by the chronic issues of overspending and increasing public debt, and by a dysfunctional political system dominated by special interests that are inclined to disregard the aspira-

tions of the American people. While these problems are radically different from those faced by the Founders, the quest for workable solutions can easily be framed in the same terms as before.

The safety and happiness of the people should still be the standard for good government, which in turn depends on public-spirited citizens who are motivated to promote the general welfare. To quote Kennedy once again, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men (and women) do nothing."

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Tribune News Service



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## Police shootings challenge July 4 ideals

This July 4, Americans will celebrate our independence from Great Britain. Most will focus on fireworks and BBQs and perhaps lose sight of the day's true significance—the commemoration of the Declaration of Independence. It famously proclaims:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

At the time it was written, the Declaration was not really meant to include all men. It most certainly did not include black men. Two centuries later, it still may not.

This year's Independence Day will have special significance for Diamond Reynolds, the girlfriend of Philando Castile. On July 6, 2016, while driving in the suburbs of Minnesota, Castile was pulled over by the cops. When he reached for his license, he was shot seven times in front of Reynolds' 4-year-old daughter.

While the incident was captured on videos taken by Reynolds and the police—images that shocked people all over the world—it was not enough to get a jury to convict the cop who killed Castile.

We say all men are created equal, except those who aren't.

Prior to this fatal day, Castile had been pulled over 52 times for minor infractions like not wearing a seat belt. He was only 32. Blacks being pulled over for minor offenses, or none at all, happens all the time. Sometimes the consequences are tragic, as when Sandra Bland of Texas died in jail in July 2015 after being stopped for a minor traffic infraction.

As a teacher of mostly young African-American boys, I fear every day for their safety. We need to make some changes.

I know many great cops out there who risk their lives for their communities; but some are clearly overreacting and using excessive force. It is a problem that needs to be addressed.

While I am grateful for the liberties I have as an American citizen, I cannot stand to watch another young black person be killed. As the Declaration states, we are entitled to life, the basic chance to live and breathe. Castile had that right taken away, two days after the celebration of the very document that promised it to him.

Perhaps we cannot eradicate hundreds of years of racism, but we can uphold the premise on which this country was founded. Perhaps we can't change the mindset of others. But we can change how we react to it. If it has come to a point in our country where no black child or man can carry a toy gun, we need to give much more consideration to those we let carry real ones.

This year, as you listen to fireworks, think of all the gunshots fired at all of the men who were not created equal. As James Baldwin said, "It comes as a great shock ... to discover that the flag to which you have pledged allegiance ... has not pledged allegiance to you."

## The Fourth is profoundly worth celebrating

By **MIKE VOGEL**  
NEWSDAY

What are your plans for the Fourth of July weekend? Most celebrations involve the five F's: fireworks, frankfurters, family, friends, freedom. Maybe you'll watch a fireworks extravaganza. You might enjoy grilled franks at a barbecue with family and friends.

But freedom? We use that word a lot. Americans have fought and died to defend our freedom. But how many understand what it really means, and why we celebrate this holiday?

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." Know the origin of that sentence? Right, the Declaration of Independence. But do we really believe and live it?

How about the Constitution? Founding Father James Madison might not have a hit musical written about him, but his Bill of Rights forms the heart of our democracy. Are you familiar with its First Amendment? "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press ..."

Separation of church and state was vitally important to our

Founding Fathers. Blurring that line would be a big mistake and, in fact, would threaten our religious freedoms. Want to live in Iran, Saudi Arabia or other nations where church and state are not separate? Not me!

Don't like what you see in the media? Some hate Fox News, others The New York Times. One of the first things Hitler did was crush the press for daring to criticize him. We celebrate the fact that we live in a country where people can express viewpoints on all sides of the political spectrum.

Although the occupant of the White House is not the first to be at odds with the media, he should remember Thomas Jefferson's words: "Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

I'll be at a barbecue this weekend eating franks and ribs, drinking beer, then watching the fireworks with family and friends. Some will see eye to eye with me politically, some won't, but we all agree on one thing: America's freedom is something to celebrate.

*Playwright Mike Vogel blogs at newyorkgritty.net. He wrote this for Newsday.*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## What Liberation Day means to me

The invasion of Saipan started with bombardment on June 10, 1944, and continued day and night followed by the landing of the American forces on June 15, 1944. Saipan was essentially secured approximately two months later.

Sometime during the early part of July 1944, three Marines liberated us from the cave where we hid for about three weeks. In early part of 1945 after the U.S. military construction battalion did some major repairs and renovation of the Chalan Kanoa houses (which were not too badly damaged), the natives were moved to Chalan Kanoa Camp. In order to protect the villagers from

harm, the military government installed a fence all around Chalan Kanoa. Insular constabulary was organized to ensure that we were unharmed. Gates were installed at the main entrance of Chalan Kanoa and at the east side of the village with IC guarding the gates. Workers were issued numbered ID cards to ensure security and safety while they were at work. The Civil Affairs government organized a group of young able men to help the Marines clear the island with those who were still hiding in the "boon-dock."

On July 4, 1947, three years after the encampment, the Civil Affairs government decided to take down the fences and permitted the local folks to freely go around the island. Many of us took the opportunity to visit our respective farms and began a normal life. *This indeed is the freedom that we enjoy and celebrate each July 4<sup>th</sup>.* It is a coincident that July 4<sup>th</sup> is also celebrated by the U.S. as its Independence Day.

Let us thank God for the freedom that we now enjoy.

**David M. Sablan Sr.**  
*Papago, Saipan*



# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲87° ▼78°

TUESDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲87° ▼77°

WEDNESDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼77°

THURSDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

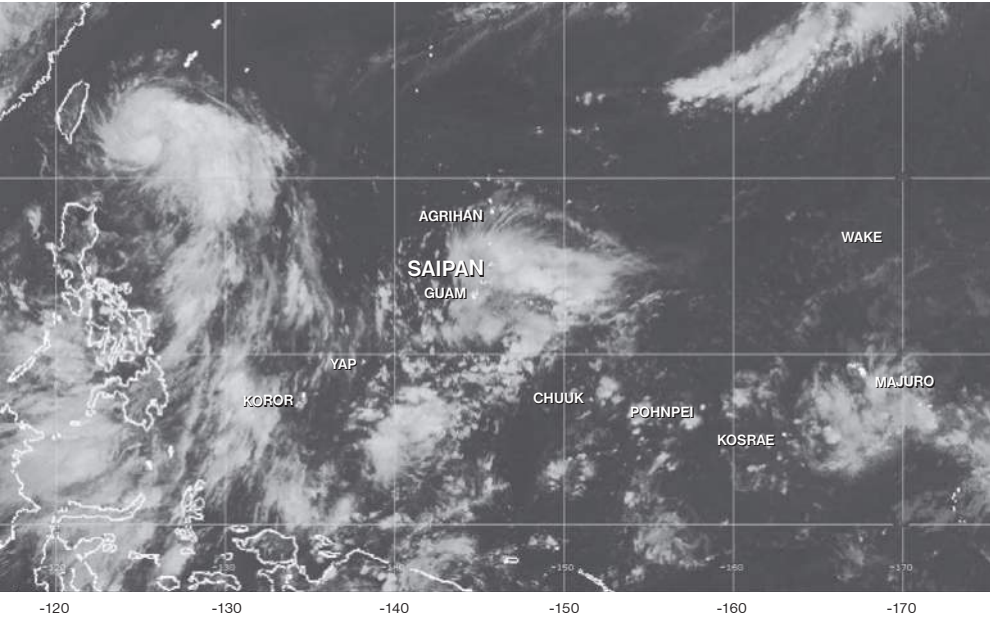
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FRIDAY

Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.

▲87° ▼77°

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



**PICTURE TIME: 12:14 PM, SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2017**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Upper-level low is the main player in the forecast today. Brought in the the isolated thunderstorms today versus tonight and they have been filling in since. Went ahead with scattered showers tonight and Monday. If it kept filling in, we might have scattered showers this afternoon, at some point it will likely stop though. Upping the rain and brining the thunder in earlier are the major changes this morning, otherwise just refreshed the winds and waves, which also had the affect of extending the grids. Winds are expected to stay at or below 17 knots and waves at 3 to 5 feet until Thursday, when they become 2 to 4 feet. Little changed from what we see today, other than showers and possible lightning, benign marine conditions continue for the Marianas waters.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA			▲	▼	°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	87° / 79°			
Palau	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°			
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°			
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°			
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°			
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°			
Majuro	Thunderstorms	84° / 81°			

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲	▼	°F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	57° / 48°			
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	93° / 73°			
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	88° / 82°			
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	85° / 75°			
London	Mostly Cloudy	72° / 55°			
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	77° / 61°			
Manila	Thunderstorms	88° / 79°			
Melbourne	Showers	55° / 43°			
Miami	Partly Cloudy	86° / 80°			
New York	Partly Cloudy	87° / 70°			
Osaka	Thunderstorms	84° / 77°			
Paris	Partly Cloudy	73° / 55°			
Busan	Thunderstorms	79° / 73°			
Rome	Sunny	88° / 66°			
Salem	Thunderstorms	91° / 73°			
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	64° / 54°			
Seoul	Showers	81° / 72°			
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	88° / 75°			
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	93° / 73°			

### NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.net](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.net)

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
2:57 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.86	
10:11 AM	LOW TIDE	0.39	
4:31 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.37	
9:31 PM	LOW TIDE	0.93	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Tuesday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Wednesday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:52 AM	6:51 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	1:20 AM	2:01 PM
Tuesday	-	2:00 AM	2:49 PM
Wednesday	-	2:40 AM	3:37 PM
Thursday	-	3:23 AM	4:26 PM
Friday	-	4:07 AM	5:14 PM

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 19, 2017

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	2, 3, 4, 5	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	ZE581	10:10am	3:55pm	Daily
TW308	2:35am	6:20am	6, 7	TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1, 2, 3, 4
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	TW307	8:05pm	1:35am+1	5, 6
LJ652	4:45am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
ZE582	4:45pm	8:35pm	Daily	LJ651	10:00pm	3:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7	7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5	7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:15pm	7:00pm	Daily	DL298	10:20am	2:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM	PR1571	9:10pm	3:40am+1	3, 7
PR1572	4:40am	6:45am	1, 4	UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM	UA184/6395	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM	PR110/UA6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:40pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR	UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM	<b>HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN</b>			
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM				
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:40pm	2 via GUM-ROR	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4	UO42	4:50pm	12:05am+1	2, 6
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN	HX076	5:20pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UO42	6:05pm	1:10am+1	1
UO43	4:40am	8:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	UO42	6:10pm	1:00am+1	3
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM	UO42	6:10pm	1:10am+1	4
UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM	UO42	6:40pm	2:00am+1	7
				UA116/6395	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, ZE Eastar Jet, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

## STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

SAIPAN TO ROTA				1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily	1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily	1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily	1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN				1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily	1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA				1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily	FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily	2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily	2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily	2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily



# FSM, US lift suspension of Compact grant funding

Delegations representing the Federated States of Micronesia and the United States reached an agreement that enables \$150 million of public infrastructure assistance to be used for projects across the four FSM states of Chuuk, Pohnpei, Yap, and Kosrae, as provided for under U.S. Public Law 108-188 or the Compact of Free Association.

## » Pave way to release \$150 million for infrastructure projects across Micronesia

behalf of President Peter Christian as well as our state government leadership,” said FSM Vice President Yosiwo George. “There are critical infrastructure needs in the FSM that we can now begin to address. The assistance provided for under the terms of the Compact of Free Association provides for the socio-economic development of our people and the mutual benefit of our peoples.”

The FSM and the U.S. have agreed to the following:

**1.** The United States will immediately lift the temporary suspension of public infrastructure grant assistance to the FSM.

**2.** The FSM will terminate the current private contractor managing its project management unit as soon as practicable.

**3.** The FSM will engage the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on a transitional basis to provide technical advice and assistance managing and implementing infrastructure projects, consistent with the FSM Infrastructure Development Plan and relevant provisions of FSM law, funded under the amended Compact.

**4.** The FSM will periodically review the involvement of the ACE and make adjustments as appropriate, includ-



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From left to right, U.S. Ambassador to the FSM Robert Riley III; acting Interior assistant secretary for Insular Areas Nikolao Pula; FSM Vice President Yosiwo George; FSM Ambassador to the U.S. Akillino Susaia



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From left to right, Yap Lt. Gov. James Yangetmai; U.S. Ambassador to the FSM Robert Riley III; acting Interior assistant secretary for Insular Areas Nikolao Pula; FSM Vice President Yosiwo George; Chuuk Governor Elimo Johnson; FSM Ambassador to the U.S. Akillino Susaia; Pohnpei Gov. Marcelo Peter-son; Pohnpei Legislature Speaker Fernando Scaliem

## Coast Guard, local agencies enforce anti-BUI boardings in Hawaii, Guam

**HONOLULU**—The U.S. Coast Guard and local enforcement participated in the annual nationwide, multi-agency Boating Under the Influence education, detection, and enforcement campaign Friday through Monday in Hawaii and Guam.

The Coast Guard were on the water throughout both regions conducting boardings and educating the public about the dangers of boating under the influence of alcohol.

Operation Dry Water is a national weekend of BUI education and enforcement aimed at reducing alcohol and drug-related accidents and fatalities. Held each year during the weekend before the Fourth of July, Operation Dry Water is coordinated by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators in partnership with the states, the Coast Guard and other partner organizations.

The goal for Operation Dry Water is to significantly reduce the number of alcohol related accidents, injuries, and deaths among recreational boaters.

Operation Dry Water directly supports a variety of objectives identified in the National Recreational Boating Safety Strategic Plan that focuses on reducing deaths and injuries nationally.

Boating under the influence is dangerous and illegal. Alcohol continues to be a leading cause in recreational boating related accidents, injuries and deaths. In 2016 Alcohol was a contributing factor in 12 percent of all recreational boating deaths nationwide.

“Our primary goal is to partner with the state to educate boaters about the dangers of alcohol and drug use on the water,” said Lt. j.g Brian Waters, Coast Guard Sector Honolulu enforcement. “The Coast Guard and the Department of Land and Natural Resources will actively patrol throughout the summer to promote safety. We urge boaters to think twice before operating any type of watercraft under the influence and comply with federal, state and local regulations.” (USCG)

## Winn is named ACCJC president

Dr. Richard Winn, the interim president of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, has been appointed to the position permanently.

Commission chair Dr. Raúl Rodríguez announced Winn’s appointment in a letter dated June 29, saying it

comes at the conclusion of a national search.

“Dr. Winn has done an excellent job as the interim president and he is a perfect fit for this role. I have every confidence that he can continue the progress that has been made over the past six months,” Rodríguez said in the letter.

Winn was interim president of the agency since December 2016 and, for the preceding six months, had been vice president of Operations. Prior to joining the commission, Winn held senior positions for 12 years at the WASC Senior College and University Commission, retiring as its senior vice president. His

ing ultimately transitioning away from ACE.

The specific terms of this engagement and related costs will be developed in the coming weeks between the government of the FSM and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on mutually agreed terms.

In April, acting deputy secretary of the Interior Jim Cason, as delegated authority, had temporarily suspended the public infrastructure funds under the Compact until the FSM and the U.S. could mutually agree upon a process for the management and implementation of the funds. The Department of the Interior is the agency authorized by the U.S. Congress to administer grant funding under the Compact of Free Association to the Federated States of Micronesia.

The FSM delegation led by George, included the FSM Ambassador to the U.S. Akillino Susaia, f Foreign Affairs Secretary Lorin Robert, officials of the FSM national government as well as the state governments and five members of the FSM Congress who attended as observers. The U.S. delegation led by Pula included U.S. Ambassador to the FSM Robert Riley III, Nicholas Dean, state director of East Asia, New Zealand and Pacific Island Affairs, and other State and Interior officials. (PR)

other work in higher education accreditation includes serving on the Commission for Osteopathic College Accreditation. Winn earned a doctoral degree in higher education leadership from the University of La Verne.

The Palau Community College board, president, faculty, staff, and students congratulate the newly appointed Winn. (PCC)

## Navy submits ‘net negative’ update to Congress

**ASAN, Guam**—A congressional report on the status of the U.S. Navy’s policy to meeting the “Net Negative” commitment to the people of Guam was delivered to Congress, Wednesday, June 28.

“Net Negative” is one of four commitments, or “pillars”, that were outlined in a letter to Governor of Guam Eddie Calvo from the Under Secretary of the Navy Robert Work in February 2011. It refers to the commitment by the Department of Defense to limit further growth and better use the land DoD now controls in order to return underutilized land to the government of Guam.

“The Department of Navy is committed to having a smaller footprint [in] Guam after the Marine Corps relocation than

it had prior to the relocation,” said Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield, commander, Joint Region Marianas. “To date, we are on pace to be “Net Negative” by 654 acres as compared to the DoN’s January 2011 footprint.”

While the initial report provides parcels identified to date, this will be a continuous process that will balance DoD’s national defense mission requirements and with DoD’s “Net Negative” commitment.

“We will continue to conduct a serious and thorough review of DoD properties that properly balances the concerns of the government and people of Guam with our national and regional security and defense missions,” Chatfield said. “We have established an internal working group that will

continue our efforts in this regard.”

Other pillars in the military buildup include One Guam, Green Guam, and ease of access to the Chamorro cultural and historical site at Pagat Village and Pagat Cave.

The Navy has been working closely with the government of Guam, island utility agencies and the people of Guam to continue to make good on its commitment to each of these pillars.

“Consistent with our One Guam promise, we are extremely pleased with the excellent partnerships and progress that is being made with both the Guam Power Authority and the Guam Waterworks Authority to improve quality of life for everyone who calls Guam their home,” said Capt.

Stephanie Jones, Marianas commanding officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Command.

In April 2016, a license agreement and a memorandum of understanding were signed, which enables GWA to operate and maintain consumer water from the Tumon Maui well. This agreement specifies that GWA will operate and maintain the Navy water facilities and provides sustainable, reliable and secure potable water for northern Guam residents.

In May 2017, the Navy and GPA signed an agreement to harness solar energy to produce 38 megawatts of renewable power that can be added to the islandwide power system for the benefit of the island. (PR)



# Business

## Trump's Labor Dept. wants salary to count on overtime rule

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Labor Department said Friday it wants salary level to count in deciding who is eligible for overtime pay. But it's holding off setting the maximum pay a worker can get and still qualify.

That's according to a brief filed by the Trump administration in federal court in New Orleans in a case over whether President Barack Obama's administration had the right to double the threshold to around \$47,000. A federal court last year blocked the Obama administration rule, and Labor Secretary Alex Acosta has suggested the decision may have called into question whether his agency could use a salary level at all.

He told a Senate panel this year that he'd consider raising the maximum salary level from nearly \$24,000 to a bit more than \$30,000 to keep up with inflation. The idea is that workers making less than the threshold would be eligible for time-and-a-half pay when they work more than 40 hours a week. Obama's salary level would have made 4 million more Americans eligible for



In this June 30, 2017, photo, President Donald Trump waves as he arrive on Air Force One at Morristown Municipal Airport, in Morristown, N.J.

overtime pay.

In Friday's brief, the Labor Department did not endorse the Obama administration's salary maximum and is seeking public information on a new threshold.

Instead, the administration asked the court to "address

only the threshold legal question of the department's statutory authority to set a salary level, without addressing the specific salary level set by the 2016 final rule."

That was good news for employers that had opposed the Obama administration's

overtime policy.

"It's great to see a Department of Labor finally taking the time to fully evaluate the impact its regulations will have on businesses," said Angelo Amador, executive director of the Restaurant Law Center.

## Tourists, locals buy Nevada's legal recreational marijuana

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Cheers and long lines of tourists and locals alike greeted the first day of sales of recreational marijuana on Saturday as Nevada became the fifth state with stores selling pot to the public in a market that is expected to outpace all others in the U.S. thanks to the millions of visitors who flock to Las Vegas each year.

Veteran consumers, first-timers, twenty-somethings and retirees were among those who defied triple-digit temperatures before they made it into stores across the Las Vegas area, some of which opened shortly after midnight and later provided free water, live music, valet parking and coveted promotions on their valuable product. Eager employees guided customers and answered questions from product potency to Nevada's consumption regulations.

Minnesota resident Edgar Rosas Lorenzo on Saturday flew with his family to Sin City for his sister's wedding. But even before he checked in to his hotel, he stopped at a dispensary on the Las Vegas Strip.

Lorenzo, 21, said he learned of the legalization of recreational marijuana in Nevada while he was at the airport waiting for his flight to depart. He drove with his sis-

ter and soon-to-be brother-in-law from the rental car facility in Las Vegas straight to the dispensary. They waited in line about 40 minutes before he could buy one-eighth of an ounce of marijuana and hemp wraps.

"It was worth the wait. I'm going to come get some more tomorrow," Lorenzo said after paying about \$60 in cash at Essence dispensary. "It helps me sleep. I get back pain. I have a slipped disk."

Some dispensaries took to social media to spread the word or tried to draw in buyers with special events. Some gave away free marijuana to their first 100 customers, and at least one entered buyers into a raffle for free pot for a year.

Those 21 and older with a valid ID can buy up to an ounce of pot. As of Friday, the state had licensed 44 dispensaries to sell recreational marijuana. Thirty-nine of those shops are in the Las Vegas area.

Tourists—42 million of which stop in Sin City every year—are expected to make nearly two of every three recreational pot purchases in Nevada. But people can only use the drug in a private home as it remains illegal to consume it in public, including the Strip, hotels and casinos. Violators face a \$600 fine.

"I have yet to figure that out," Lorenzo said of where he will smoke the weed he got at the Essence dispensary, which along with others had stacks of pamphlets stating the regulations in every checkout station.

Meanwhile, Kristin Deneal got in line outside a pot shop at 5:45 a.m., after a different store that opened at midnight closed before she could make a purchase. She brought a folding chair and sat by the door, striking conversations with the security guard and others as the line continued to grow before doors opened at 9 a.m.

Deneal, a Las Vegas resident, said she is elated at being able to legally buy the drug that for decades she has had to buy through acquaintances. Smoking marijuana helps her cope with health conditions while also working a stressful job at a bank, she said.

"It looks like they have enough stuff for everyone, it's just a question of getting through the door," Deneal, 57, said.

State Sen. Tick Segerblom, one of the main proponents of marijuana legalization in Nevada, made the first purchase at The Source dispensary at a strip mall. Deneal and others followed. An hour after the door opened, at least 80 transactions had been recorded.

Some facilities are in strip malls, while others, in stereotypical Las Vegas fashion, are in neighborhoods shared by strip clubs. Some dispensaries have ATMs inside because they only accept cash transactions for marijuana.

Lorenzo immediately posted photos of his stash on Snapchat. His friends have said they're jealous and asked where he bought the products, he said, adding that he'll plan another trip to Las Vegas specifically to legally purchase marijuana, not to visit the city's world famous casinos.

"We just got here ... Instead of looking around in Vegas, I'm in a dispensary," he said.

In the afternoon, people walking along the Strip seemed to be obeying the state's ban on public pot smoking.

Recreational marijuana sales began shortly after midnight, just months after voters approved legalization in November, marking the fastest turnaround from the ballot box to retail sales in the country.

Hundreds of people lined up outside dispensaries that opened from 12 a.m. to 3 a.m. and had to turn away customers like Deneal. At Essence on the Strip, people were excited and well-behaved as a lone security guard looked on. A cheer erupted when the doors opened.

Democrats rejected the notion that the government needs more time to consider the salary cap and suggested anything lower than Obama's roughly \$47,000 would especially affect minorities.

"Most employees are not even aware that they're losing out on the pay or the time with their families they have earned" when they work more than 40 hours a week, said Rep. Mark Takano of California, the senior Democrat on the House's panel on workforce protections. Trump, he said, "is refusing to fight for the American workers who he repeatedly promised to protect."

In issuing the rule in May 2016, the Labor Department said it would "go a long way toward realizing President Obama's com-

mitment to ensuring every worker is compensated fairly for their hard work."

The concern was that workers might feel compelled to cover for absent co-workers and display passion for their jobs by putting in far more than 40 hours a week, effectively at a lower pay rate—or for free. Advocacy groups say that's time employees they could be spending with their families or advancing their education to get better-paying jobs.

Businesses said the rules would have created an overly restrictive environment that would have penalized younger and slower workers.

Trump, a real estate mogul, said during the 2016 campaign that he hoped small businesses would get an exemption to the overtime rule.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Samsung to sell recycled Note 7 phone in South Korea at \$611

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Samsung Electronics says its recalled Galaxy Note 7 phones will be recycled and sold starting this week. The South Korean company says the Galaxy Note FE phone, using unused parts in the recalled smartphones, will go on sale in South Korea on Friday at 700,000 won (\$611), about three quarters of its original price. The Note 7, one of the most expensive phones by Samsung, was recalled twice about a year ago after reports that its batteries were prone to overheat and catch fire. Aviation authorities around the world banned the pricy phone on flight and Samsung spent billions of dollars to recall it and fix its damaged brand. The company blamed flaws in the battery's design and production.

#### Nuclear industry says no impact seen from hacking campaign

WASHINGTON (AP)—Officials for the nuclear and electricity industries say there has been no apparent impact from a hacking campaign that has drawn the attention of federal officials. The assurances on Saturday came after federal officials told electricity grid operators this week about a hacking or phishing campaign that has targeted the energy and manufacturing sectors. John Keeley, spokesman for the industry's Nuclear Energy Institute, says no reactors operating in the U.S. have been affected. Keeley adds that if they had, the incidents would have been reported to the Nu-

clear Regulatory Commission and made public. He declined further comment, saying the matter is classified. Scott Aaronson, executive director for security for the Edison Electric Institute, which represents investor-owned power companies, says there has been no impact to systems controlling power grids. He says the threat was unrelated to this week's ransomware attack against companies around the world.

#### Science says: Hot dogs minus added nitrites may be no better

NEW YORK (AP)—Backyard cooks looking to grill this summer have another option: hot dogs without "added nitrites." Are they any healthier? Oscar Mayer is touting its new hot dog recipe that uses nitrite derived from celery juice instead of artificial sodium nitrite, which is used to preserve the pinkish colors of processed meats and prevents botulism. Kraft Heinz, which owns Oscar Mayer, says sodium nitrite is among the artificial ingredients it has removed from the product to reflect changing consumer preferences. The change comes amid a broader trend of big food makers purging ingredients that people may feel are not natural. But nitrites are nitrites—and the change makes little difference—according to those who advise limiting processed meat and those who defend it. Kana Wu, a research scientist at Harvard's school of public health, said in an email that it is best to think of processed meat made with natural ingredients the same as those made with artificial nitrites.



# Nation

## As July 4th approaches, Americans debate democracy's fate

**NEW YORK (AP)**—In his 4½ years as a state senator from Manhattan, Brad Holyman has handed out everything from flashlights to T-shirts at political rallies. But for a gathering held soon after President Donald Trump's inauguration, he decided on something more substantial:

Copies of the Constitution.

"My constituents had been asking me, 'What can I do to help?' 'How do I prepare myself?'" says Holyman, a Democrat in his third term who has since distributed thousands of copies. "A year ago, who would have imagined that giving away the Constitution would be seen as an act of resistance?"

Americans have disagreed about government and civic life since the country's founding, about who should vote, who should run for office and the risks of political factions. But as the U.S. nears its 241st birthday, many say democracy itself is in the dock.

Trump, with his labeling the mainstream press the "enemy of the people" and his disparagement of "so-called" judges and other traditional checks on executive power, has critics anxious about not just a given policy but the fate of self-rule—at the same time that his supporters view his rise as the kind of anti-elitist triumph democracy is supposed to represent.

The debate extends from



In this July 21, 2005 file photo, visitors watch while workers pressure wash the granite faces of George Washington, left, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln at Mount Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota.

classrooms and policy institutes to popular culture, to the Trump-influenced staging of Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" at Manhattan's Public Theater and the wave of dystopian best-sellers such as "1984" and "The Handmaid's Tale."

"I think it's highly unusual and disconcerting to have so many people worried about

the foundations of our democracy," says Wendy R. Weiser, who directs the Brennan Center for Justice's Democracy Program, based at New York University School of Law and focusing on voting rights and elections, among other issues. "We're always talking about democracy and struggling to live up to our ideals, but never with so many fun-

damental questions as we're doing right now."

But when activists vow to revitalize democracy, they don't mean the society imagined by the men who helped create it.

"None of the founders envisioned our modern democracy, with its broad suffrage and competing political parties," says Gordon Wood, the Pulitzer Prize-winning historian of the Revolutionary War era. "Running for office was demagogic and dangerous. The founders believed in equality but they essentially meant equality of opportunity.

Sons of weavers and cobblers could go to college and become gentlemen, but weavers and cobblers themselves were not to become politicians and campaign for office."

American leaders in the early years exchanged accusations of being too pro-British or pro-French, a division marked by two ongoing concerns: The country would relapse into British-style monarchy or fall into violence and lawlessness like the murderous "Reign of Terror" during the French Revolution.

In 1788, the year before the French Revolution began,

Americans were deciding whether to ratify the Constitution. One concern, James Madison wrote in the Federalist Papers, was "men of factious tempers, of local prejudices, or of sinister designs, (who) may by intrigue, by corruption or by other means, first obtain the suffrages, and then betray the interests of the people."

Some founders lived long enough to watch, and bemoan the political rise of Andrew Jackson in the 1820s. Trump and supporters have cited Jackson as a favorite predecessor in the White House, a populist who defied the establishment and broke down boundaries against who might become president. Trump ally Newt Gingrich, the former House Speaker, has written that Trump, like Jackson, is "an outsider and a disruptive force chosen to break up existing Washington power structures."

But Thomas Jefferson, in sentiments critics have echoed about Trump, worried that Jackson "had very little respect for laws and constitutions" and added that "His passions are terrible."

Historian Sean Wilentz calls Trump "almost a caricature of the Caesar-like character the (Constitution's) framers so deeply feared." Wilentz, whose books include "The Politicians and the Egalitarians: The Hidden History of American Politics," said, "Madison, et al., knew nothing of corporate glitz and reality TV. Otherwise, though, Trump is exactly the kind of figure whom the framers feared too much democracy would produce."

## Ex-doctor sought to extract revenge on former colleagues

**NEW YORK (AP)**—A doctor disguised as one who would save lives came to the New York hospital that had spurned him only to try to destroy them instead, replacing his stethoscope and scalpel with an automatic weapon, authorities say.

In an instant, Dr. Henry Bello triggered a Code Silver at Bronx Lebanon Hospital, sending his one-time colleagues diving for cover on the hospital's two top floors while he repeatedly pulled his trigger, killing a doctor who had the misfortune of covering someone else's shift as a favor and injuring six others, including a patient.

The new details of Bello's rampage emerged Saturday along with an email rant against colleagues he blamed for forcing him to resign from the hospital amid sexual harassment allegations two years earlier. The email was sent to the New York Daily News just two hours before the shooting Friday after-

noon that left six other people wounded and Bello dead from a self-inflicted shot.

"This hospital terminated my road to a licensure to practice medicine," the email said. "First, I was told it was because I always kept to myself. Then it was because of an altercation with a nurse."

He also blamed a doctor for blocking his chances at practicing medicine.

Bello had warned his former colleagues when he was forced out in 2015 that he would return someday to kill them.

A law enforcement official told The Associated Press that Bello arrived at the hospital with the assault rifle hidden under his lab coat and asked for a specific doctor whom he blamed for his having to resign, but the physician wasn't there at the time. The official spoke on anonymity because the person was not authorized to discuss an ongoing investigation.

It was not clear if Bello

knew Dr. Tracy Sin-Yee Tam, 32, who was killed in the shooting on the 16th and 17th floors of the hospital and was, like him, a family medicine doctor. Hospital officials said that Tam normally worked in one of the hospital's satellite clinics and was covering a shift in the main hospital as a favor to someone else.

"It makes you think that anything can happen to anybody," said Tam's neighbor, Alena Khaim, 23, who saw Tam's sister outside the home Friday night overcome with grief, shaking and unable to walk. "She was such a sweet girl. You would never think something like that would happen but it happened."

Judy Beckles-Ross, 46, said she's not surprised Tam volunteered to cover the shift.

"She never said no," said Beckles-Ross, a friend from medical school who knew her for 11 years. "She had a good heart. Anybody that needed help, she would help them."

## Wildfire risk high in Southwest, northern Great Plains

By **DAN ELLIOTT**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Utah, Arizona and other parts of the Southwest could face more big wildfires this summer and fall, while hot and dry weather has also put the northern Great Plains at risk, forecasters said Saturday.

The National Interagency Fire Center's four-month outlook showed elevated danger of significant fires in parts of Arizona, California, Nevada and Utah, as well as eastern Montana and the western Dakotas.

Fire danger also remains high on the Big Island of Hawaii for the duration of the forecast, which covers July through October.

A fire in southern Utah has burned 94 square miles (244 square kilometers) and was 60

percent contained Saturday. The blaze was human-caused and began June 15, fire managers said. Some evacuation orders were lifted Friday.

A lightning-caused fire in northern Arizona burned 40 square miles (105 square kilometers) and was 44 percent contained.

A complex of lightning-caused grass fires in Washington state had burned 73 square miles (190 square kilometers). They ranged from 74 to 100 percent contained.

Other fires were burning in California, Colorado and New Mexico.

Conditions appeared bleak in the northern Great Plains, but no major wildfires were burning in the region Saturday, according to the federal government's InciWeb fire

information system. The U.S. Drought Monitor map issued Thursday showed almost all of North and South Dakota and the eastern half of Montana ranging from abnormally dry to extreme drought.

Eastern Montana and western North Dakota received less than half their normal rainfall in June, the National Interagency Fire Center said.

The wildfire outlook was better for Northwest, the Midwest and the eastern half of the nation, forecasters said.

They predicted below-normal danger for most of the South and southern Florida through August. Below-normal danger was also expected in September and October in south Texas and a swath from northern Mississippi to southwestern Pennsylvania.



## Asia

## China's Xi: No tolerance for subversion in HK

**HONG KONG (AP)**—Chinese President Xi Jinping warned Saturday that any activities in Hong Kong seen as threatening China's sovereignty and stability would be "absolutely impermissible," employing some of his harshest language yet against burgeoning separatist sentiment in the territory.

In a speech marking 20 years since the city became a semi-autonomous Chinese region after its handover from Britain, Xi pledged Beijing's support for the "one country, two systems" blueprint, under which Hong Kong controls many of its own affairs and retains civil liberties including free speech.

However, he said Hong Kong had to do more to shore up security and boost patriotic education, in a veiled reference to legislation long-delayed by popular opposition.

And he appeared to put on notice a new wave of activists pushing for more autonomy or even independence, saying challenges to the power of China's central government and Hong Kong's leaders wouldn't be tolerated.

Any attempt to challenge China's sovereignty, security and government authority or use Hong Kong to "carry out infiltration and sabotage activities against the mainland



Pro-independence activists chant slogans after being stopped by police officers during a march in Hong Kong, China, Saturday, July 1, 2017. I

is an act that crosses the red line, and is absolutely impermissible," Xi said, moments after presiding over the inauguration of Hong Kong's new leader, Carrie Lam.

Hong Kong has been roiled by political turmoil that brought tens of thousands of

protesters onto the streets in 2014 demanding democratic reforms. Those calls were ignored by Beijing and Xi indicated there would be no giving ground in the future, frustrating many young people and deepening divisions.

"Making everything po-

litical or deliberately creating differences and provoking confrontations will not resolve the problems," Xi said, adding that Hong Kong "cannot afford to be torn apart by reckless moves or internal rifts."

Hours after Xi flew home to Beijing, thousands of pro-democracy supporters gathered for a march through the city's shopping and financial districts to demand greater political

openness and oppose China's creeping influence in their city.

Young activists have formed new groups promoting independence or a local Hong Kong identity separate from the mainland, alarming Beijing.

Meanwhile, incidents such as the secret detentions of five Hong Kong booksellers on the mainland have stirred fears that Beijing is undermining the "one country, two sys-

tems" blueprint.

Xi's speech "was a mixture of reassurance and warning," as he signaled that the system in place since 1997 won't change, said Jean-Pierre Cabestan, an expert on Chinese politics at Hong Kong Baptist University. "At the same time, there was a strong warning to the localists and the pro-independence people."

Cabestan said it was clear that Xi's priority is for Lam, to revive efforts to bring in long-delayed national security legislation, which pro-democracy activists fear will be used to suppress dissent, and patriotic national education in schools, which parents fear is a cover for pro-Communist "brainwashing."

They're two polarizing issues that have the potential to mobilize big crowds to take to the streets.

"We are heading towards troubled times," said Cabestan. "I don't think he's going to give up. If he doesn't give up it means there will be more problems."

While former colonial master Britain and other Western democracies have expressed concerns about Beijing's actions in Hong Kong, China has increasingly made clear that it brooks no outside criticism or attempts at intervention.

Xi said China had made it "categorically clear" in talks with Britain in the 1980s that "sovereignty is not for negotiation."

## Obama pushes tolerance, respect in childhood home of Jakarta

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)**—Following another week of dust-ups between the media and President Donald Trump, his predecessor shared a bit of wisdom from the other side of the world about tolerance and taking the daily news cycle in stride.

"I wasn't worried about what was in the newspapers today," former President Barack Obama said Saturday during a nostalgic visit to Indonesia's capital, his childhood home. "What I was worried about was, 'What are they going to write about me 20 years from now when I look back?'"

Obama has largely stayed away from U.S. politics and the Trump administration, but he did tout one of his accomplishments while in office.

"In Paris, we came together around the most ambitious agreement in history about climate change, an agreement that even with the temporary absence of American leadership, can still give our children a fighting chance," he said.

Trump shocked many countries last month by announcing he was pulling out

of the accord. He has also had a difficult relationship with members of the press and was recently condemned by Democrats and Republicans for a tweet that attacked a female MSNBC host.

Obama stressed the importance of stepping away from news sites where only like-minded views are shared, and warned about social media giving rise to resentment of minorities and bad treatment of people.

The former president was greeted by a crowd of thousands, including leaders, students and businesspeople, in Jakarta, where he opened the Fourth Congress of Indonesian Diaspora. He is wildly popular in Indonesia, where many view him as an adopted son. A statue of the boy still remembered as "Barry" stands outside his old elementary school.

He reminisced about moving to Jakarta in 1967 when he was just 6 years old, shouting, "Indonesia bagian dari diri saya!" or "Indonesia is part of me!"

Obama said he had been

gorging on the local food since arriving.

"If the rainy season came, the floods were coming and we had to clean out the floors in our house and then chase the chickens because they had gone someplace else," he said to roaring laughter. "Today, Jakarta is a thriving center of commerce marked by highways and high-rises. So much has changed, so much progress has been made."

Obama lived in the country with his mother, an anthropologist, and his Indonesian stepfather. The couple split up after having his half-sister, and Obama moved back to Hawaii when he was 10 to live with his grandparents. But he said he has never forgotten the years he spent in Indonesia.

"My time here made me cherish respect for people's differences," he said, noting how he and his family had just visited two of the most treasured ancient temples—Borobudur, a Buddhist complex, and the Hindu compound of Prambanan—in the world's most populous Muslim country.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

## US, PH navies patrol troubled waters in Philippines

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—U.S. and Philippine navy ships have patrolled waters in the southern Philippines where kidnappings by ransom-seeking Abu Sayyaf militants have sparked a regional security alarm. U.S. Navy Lt. Commander Arlo Abrahamson said a Navy combat ship, the USS Coronado, and the Philippine navy frigate BRP Ramon Alcaraz completed the four-day patrol at the Sulu Sea on Saturday, adding that the operation was carried out at the request of the Philippine government. The coordinated patrol, which was aimed at detecting and deterring threats, "was safe and routine," Abrahamson said. U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Don Gabrielson said "our at-sea operations with the Philippine navy demonstrate our commitment to the alliance and deter piracy and illegal activities." "These patrols enhance regional peace and stability," said Gabrielson, commander of the Navy's Task Force 73.

## Bangladesh marks anniversary of cafe attack that killed 22

**DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)**—Bangladesh on Saturday marked the first anniversary of the nation's worst terrorist attack by Islamist militants with promises to continue to fight the menace. Foreign delegates, activists and family members vowed to tackle Islamic militancy as they

visited the Holey Artisan Bakery, the site of the July 1, 2016, attack. Five militants belonging to Jumatul Mujahadeen Bangladesh, or JMB, had targeted the cafe in Dhaka and killed 20 hostages, including 17 foreigners from Japan, Italy and India. Two security officials succumbed to their injuries in a hospital, while commandoes killed the five attackers. "We are here to remember the victims, to show respect to them," said Shahriar Kabir, a prominent Bangladeshi activist, who talked tough against militancy as he led a delegation to the attack site.

## Afghanistan says Taliban district chief killed in battle

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**—Afghanistan's Interior Ministry says a Taliban shadow district chief was killed in fighting with security forces in eastern Wardak province. According to a statement released Saturday, Mullah Bashir, the Taliban-appointed governor of the Nirkh district, was killed and two militants were wounded late Friday night. In a separate statement, the ministry said at least 13 militants, including five Islamic State fighters, were killed after Afghan warplanes targeted their hideouts in eastern Paktika, northern Sar-e Pul and Jawzjan provinces. The attacks were carried out overnight, destroying some of the militants' weapons and vehicles. The Taliban hasn't commented on the fighting.



# World

## Pope removes German cardinal as sex abuse crisis catches up

**VATICAN CITY (AP)**—Pope Francis sacked the head of the Vatican office that handles sex abuse cases Saturday, just days after he released another top Vatican cardinal to return home to stand trial for alleged sexual assault.

The developments underscored how the Catholic Church's sex abuse crisis has caught up with Francis, threatening to tarnish his legacy over a series of questionable appointments, decisions and oversights in his four-year papacy.

Perhaps sensing a need to change course, Francis declined to renew the mandate of German Cardinal Gerhard Mueller as prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the Vatican office that processes and evaluates all cases of priests accused of raping or molesting minors.

Francis named Mueller's deputy, Monsignor Luis Ladaria Ferrer, a Spanish Jesuit, to run the powerful office instead.

During Mueller's five-year term, the congregation amassed a 2,000-case backlog and came under blistering criticism from Irish abuse survivor Marie Collins, who



**AP**  
In this Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2014 file photo, Cardinal Gerhard Ludwig Mueller arrives in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican to attend the weekly general audience.

had been tapped by Francis in 2014 to advise the church on caring for abuse victims and protecting children from pedophile priests.

Collins resigned from the papal commission in March,

citing the "unacceptable" level of resistance from Mueller's office to heeding the commission's proposals.

In May, Francis said her criticism of the slow pace in processing abuse cases was justified and announced he was adding more staff to handle the overload. Earlier this year he also named Cardinal Sean O'Malley as a member of the congregation in hopes of ensuring better cooperation.

Mueller's ouster was the

second major Vatican shake-up this week.

On Thursday, Francis granted another Vatican hardliner, Cardinal George Pell, a leave of absence to return to his native Australia to face trial on multiple charges of sexual assault stemming from years ago.

Pell has denied the charges. Still, Francis has come under criticism for having named him to the powerful position of the Vatican's money czar in 2014 in the first place, given

that accusations of wrongdoing had dogged him even then. Pell has been widely denounced at home for mishandling abuse cases while he was a bishop and of having treated victims harshly in seeking to protect the church from abuse-related civil litigation.

"In the church's current emergency, with its third-ranking prelate soon to appear in an Australian court on child abuse charges, Pope Francis needs a CDF prefect who

will work with Cardinal Sean O'Malley on the church's abuse crisis, not against him," said Terence McKiernan of BishopAccountability.org, an online resource of abuse documentation.

Mueller and Pell were two most powerful cardinals in the Vatican, after the Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Pietro Parolin. Their absences, coupled with Francis' earlier demotion of arch-conservative Cardinal Raymond Burke as the Vatican's chief justice, will likely create a power vacuum for the conservative wing in the Holy See hierarchy.

The week's events could be seen as an attempt by Francis to turn the page, given his legacy has already been sullied by repeated failings to make good on his "zero tolerance" pledge for abuse.

Take for example the case of the Rev. Mauro Inzoli, a well-known Italian priest defrocked by the Vatican for having abused children as young as 12. He had his sentence reduced on appeal to a lifetime of penance and prayer in 2014 after what his bishop said was a show of mercy from the pope.

## Mexico: 19 killed in clashes near beach city of Mazatlan

**CULIACAN, Mexico (AP)**—Mexican authorities said Saturday that at least 19 people died in clashes involving armed men and security forces in the gang-plagued northwestern state of Sinaloa, where homicides have spiked dramatically following the capture and extradition of convicted drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman.

The violence began with a shooting Friday that killed two men near a department store in the town of Villa Union, about 15 miles (24 kilometers) southeast of the beach resort of Mazatlan.

Officials attributed it to warring drug gang members responsible for recent violence in the state, which is home to Guzman's Sinaloa cartel.

"We believe it has to do with the transport of drugs and the fight for terrain, for the areas that these groups are fighting over," Genaro Robles Casillas, the Sinaloa state public security secretary, said at a news conference.

Police were alerted by emergency calls, and municipal officers encountered the suspected attackers as they were riding in several pickup trucks.

A fierce gunbattle broke out in which police killed 17

suspects, officials said. Five municipal police officers were wounded, but reported in stable condition.

Elements of the marines, the army and the federal police also responded to support the local forces.

Sinaloa is the birthplace of a number of Mexico's drug gang leaders, and killings have risen there after Guzman was captured and then extradited to the United States earlier this year to face drug charges.

Security experts say a power struggle has since broken out between opposing factions of the Sinaloa cartel, which also faces challenges from other gangs such as the Jalisco New Generation cartel.

During the first five months of the year, homicides jumped by 76 percent in Sinaloa state compared with the same period in 2016, according to government crime statistics.

The killings include the May 15 slaying of Javier Valdez, an award-winning reporter who specialized in covering drug trafficking and organized crime, in the state capital, Culiacan.

Homicides were also up about 30 percent nationwide in Mexico for the January-May period.

## Syria says chemical attack probe work of 'sick mind'

**BEIRUT (AP)**—Syria's government accused Saturday the international chemical weapons watchdog of relying on the testimonies of "terrorists" in its probe that concluded sarin gas was used in a deadly attack in Syria two months ago.

The Syrian Foreign Ministry in a statement also lashed out at the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, saying its investigation has been subjected to political extortion, costing the agency its credibility and impartiality. The ministry called its findings "the creation of a sick mind."

While the OPCW didn't apportion blame, the U.S., the U.K. and Syrian activists have held the Syrian government responsible for the April 4 on Khan Sheikhoun in the opposition-controlled Idlib province. More than 90 people, including women and children, were killed, sparking outrage around the world as photos and video of the aftermath, which included quivering children dying on camera,

were widely broadcast.

The U.S. launched a punitive strike against the Syrian military days after the attack. Syrian President Bashar Assad and his main backer Russia have denied the use of chemical weapons, accusing the Syrian opposition of launching the attacks.

The Syrian foreign ministry said the OPCW had declined to visit Khan Sheikhoun or the base from which the alleged attack was purportedly launched. It said the Syrian government was prepared to cooperate with the investigators.

"The report comes up with a fabricated and exaggerated story that has no credibility and can't be accepted in any way because it is illogical and is the creation of a sick mind," the ministry's statement said. It questioned the testimonies collected by the OPCW in Turkey from witnesses it called "terrorists" and "perjurers" controlled by western intelligence agents.

It called on the OPCW to prepare "impartial and credible

reports that have not been subjected to extortions by countries and parties that prevent it from reaching the truth."

Both the U.S. and the OPCW defended the probe's methodology. Investigators did not visit the scene of the attack, deeming it too dangerous, but analyzed samples from victims and survivors, and interviewed witnesses.

The investigation's findings will be used by a joint U.N.-OPCW investigation team to determine who was behind the attack. The team is expected to issue its next report sometime around October. The OPCW has scheduled a July 5 meeting of its executive council to discuss the matter.

Syria joined the OPCW in 2013 after it was blamed for a deadly poison gas attack in a Damascus suburb. Assad's government then declared some 1,300 tons of chemical weapons and precursor chemicals that were subsequently destroyed in an unprecedented international operation.

However, the organization

still has unanswered questions regarding Syria's initial declaration and whether it has wholly disposed of its chemical weapons stockpile.

The report's investigative team has previously concluded that chlorine and sulfur mustard—commonly known as mustard gas—were used as weapons in Syria.

On Saturday, a Syrian insurgent group said Syrian government troops used chlorine gas on its fighters during clashes near the capital Damascus.

Faylaq al-Rahman group has been fighting advancing government and allied forces on its stronghold of Ain Terma, in eastern Ghouta suburb, for days. It was not immediately possible to corroborate the frontline report of chlorine use. Activists reported the insurgent group's claim but no images or firsthand accounts were made available. One activist said most of those injured were fighters. The Syrian military called reports of a chlorine attack in Ain Terma "baseless lies."



## Focus

## State laws expand concealed guns to public facilities

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Starting Saturday, concealed guns are allowed at college campuses in Georgia and Kansas, more public buildings and bus stations in Tennessee, and at the Iowa state Capitol as new laws took effect continuing the steady expansion of gun rights in Republican-controlled states.

The firearms policies are among scores of laws that took effect Saturday, along with the start of the new fiscal year in many states. Some of those laws continue a recent trend of states taking the initiative to fix aging roads and address the drug overdose epidemic.

The gun laws reflect divided public preferences, highlighted by a recent Pew survey that found people nearly evenly split on whether gun control or gun rights were more important.

A voter-approved gun-control initiative prohibiting people from possessing ammunition magazines capable of holding more than 10 bullets was to go into effect Saturday in California. But it was blocked by a federal judge, who said it would have made criminals out of thousands of otherwise law-abiding citizens who own the magazines. A similar law passed by the Democratic-dominated Legislature also is subject to the preliminary injunction.

For decades, the National Rifle Association pushed for state laws allowing people to carry concealed guns with permits. Having succeeded nationwide, gun-rights advocates now are gradually expanding where those weapons can be taken. Yet even some of the new laws contain exceptions.

Georgia's law allows people with concealed handgun permits to take their weapons into classrooms but not dormitories, and college sports fans can pack weapons while tailgating but not inside stadiums.

A Tennessee law allowing guns in many local public buildings, bus stations and parks can be voided if authorities instead opt to install metal detectors staffed by security guards.

Concealed guns are now allowed at college campuses in Kansas as a result of a 2013 law that applies to public buildings lacking heightened security such as metal detectors and guards. A four-year exemption for universities expired Saturday. But in a setback for the NRA, a law that Republican Gov. Sam Brownback is allowing to take



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In this June 27, 2017 photo, a semi-automatic rifle is displayed with a 25 shot magazine, left, and a 10 shot magazine, right, at a gun store in Elk Grove, Calif.

effect without his signature will make permanent a similar exemption for public hospitals and mental health centers.

In Iowa, where permit holders are now able to carry concealed guns in the Capitol, the state Supreme Court has responded by banning weapons in all courthouses statewide.

Jennifer Baker, a spokeswoman for the NRA Institute of Legislative Action, described 2017 as another "successful year for gun rights."

But advocates for greater gun regulations also are pleased with the results. On Thursday, Democratic-led Hawaii became the third state to enact a law requiring notification to law enforcement when people prohibited from owning guns try to obtain them anyway.

"This was an excellent year for killing bad gun-lobby bills," said Shannon Watts, the founder of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. "The bills that the gun lobby did get through, in many cases, we helped to water those down."

Here's a look at some other laws taking effect Saturday:

### ABORTION

As with guns, some Republican and Democratic states continue to move in opposite directions on abortion-related policies.

A Tennessee law will require doctors to determine the viability of fetuses of at least 20 weeks of gestation, making it a felony to abort a viable fetus unless the pregnancy puts a woman at risk of death or



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In this Tuesday, June 27, 2017 photo, a semi-automatic handgun is displayed with a 10 shot magazine, left, and a 15 shot magazine, right, at a gun store in Elk Grove, Calif.

serious injury. In South Dakota, new felony charges will double the potential fines and prison time for physicians who abort a fetus capable of feeling pain, except in cases of medical emergencies.

Other new laws deal with notifications required before abortions.

A Wyoming law will require abortion providers to give women the opportunity to view an ultrasound and listen to the fetal heartbeat. It also will prohibit the use of aborted fetal tissue for research.

A Kansas law will require abortion providers to give women more information about their doctors, including their credentials, malpractice insurance, disciplinary records and hospital privileges. The law also eliminates fine print, requiring

the information to be presented in 12-point Times New Roman type on white paper.

A West Virginia law will end a doctor's ability to waive parental notification, allowing only a judge to do so. But a federal judge has blocked an Indiana law that would require courts to consider whether to notify parents about a minor's request for an abortion.

In Maryland, a law taking effect without the signature of Republican Gov. Larry Hogan seeks to mitigate potential federal funding cuts to Planned Parenthood. The measure directs \$2.7 million from state funds for family planning services and preventive health care, if needed.

### TRANSPORTATION

States are increasingly align-

ing behind new laws raising taxes and fees for transportation projects.

Starting Saturday, the gas tax will rise by 10 cents a gallon in Indiana, 4.5 cents in Montana, 4 cents in Tennessee, 3.5 cents in West Virginia and 2 cents in South Carolina. In some cases, it's the initial step in a multi-year tax increase.

In South Carolina and Tennessee, the gas tax hike is the first in about three decades.

The vehicle sales tax cap also is rising in South Carolina, and vehicle or driver's license fees will rise in Indiana, West Virginia and Wyoming.

In Oklahoma, a 1.25 percent vehicle sales tax will kick in Saturday. But it won't result in an influx for road projects, because millions of

dollars of existing road funds are being diverted to help fill a budget shortfall.

The latest round of tax hikes means nearly three-fourths of states have taken some sort of action to increase transportation funding over the past five years.

Some states also are ramping up other vehicle-related laws.

Mississippi will require seat belt use by all vehicle occupants, instead of only front-seat passengers and children. Iowa will join most other states by making texting while driving a primary offense, meaning police can stop motorists for the violation instead of having to spot some other offense in order to pull them over.

Virginia will require driver's education courses to include instruction on how to respond when pulled over by police.

### HEALTH

Numerous laws addressing health care also are taking effect.

Most Arizona employers will be required to offer paid sick leave to their workers because of a 2016 ballot initiative that takes effect Saturday. Arizona will be the seventh state with such a requirement, all enacted since 2011.

New Mexico and Kentucky are enacting laws attempting to safeguard student athletes. New Mexico will require student training on the danger of brain injuries, while Kentucky will prohibit high school coaches from putting athletes back in the game after potential concussions if no doctors are available to assess them.

Other new laws will expand patients' rights in an attempt to avoid unexpected medical costs. A Missouri law will require health care providers to give patients costs estimates upon request, and a California law will require patients' written consent before receiving services from providers outside their insurance network.

Several laws seek to combat opioid addiction.

Kentucky will ban doctors from prescribing a more than three-day supply of prescription painkillers, although the law has various exceptions.

New laws in Virginia will legalize syringe exchange programs and require physicians to check a prescription drug monitoring database before prescribing opioids for more than seven days. Wyoming will join most other states in providing immunity to those who administer overdose medications.



# Health & Fitness

## 10 things you should ask your doctor on your next visit

By ALLIE SHAH  
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Getting in to see a doctor takes time. Getting the most out of your doctor's time takes something more: an inquisitive approach.

Armed with the right questions before you sit on the exam table, you, too, can become an empowered patient ready to make informed decisions about your health.

"The era of the doctor who just tells you what to do—like Marcus Welby—those days are over. And they should be over," said Dr. David Hilden, an internal medicine physician at Hennepin County Medical Center. "It's good for both sides to be informed."

On average, doctors spend a mere 13 to 16 minutes per patient, according to a recent MedScape survey of more than 19,000 physicians.

To get the most out of your visit, take an active role in setting the agenda for which health issues to cover during your appointment. Focus on

two or three things that you want your doctor to address, Hilden advises, and compare those with what your doctor thinks are the top issues to cover in your time together.

It also helps to prepare a list of questions ahead of time. Here are 10 to get you started:

### 1 Which health websites do you trust?

With so many people googling their symptoms in search of a diagnosis, it's wise to vet the information you've gleaned online with your doctor. "It's OK to say to your doc, 'I read this on WebMD. What do you think of that?'" Hilden said.

The most credible websites are the ones that are less commercial, he advised. Government sites such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) offer reliable information. In general, the best health websites are associated with a respected university or health care system.

### 2 What is this medication I'm taking, and why am I taking it?



Before visiting your doctor, it's best to prepare an inquisitive set of questions.

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It's a common problem — people come in taking 10 to 15 medications and they've lost track of what each one is for and when they were first prescribed, Hilden said. A good follow-up question is: "Are there any medications I can stop?"

If your doctor prescribes a new medication, you should ask about typical side effects and about how it will interact with your existing medications. "I wouldn't put any pill in your mouth until you know what you're taking it for, and what the common side effects are," Hilden said.

### 3 How can I get help to stop smoking?

Quitting smoking is really hard, but a brief counseling session with a doctor increases your chances of success, Hilden said.

Your doctor can steer you to helpful tools to break this unhealthy habit — and greatly impact your overall wellness. "There's almost nothing a person can do to improve health that is more important than quitting smoking," Hilden said.

### 4 Are my vaccinations and screenings up to date?

The things that keep you healthy are your vaccinations and screenings. If you're a woman, ask if you are getting appropriate breast cancer screening. Regardless of gender, ask if you should be getting a colonoscopy. Other valuable health screenings include regularly checking blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

### 5 What is a healthy weight for me, and how can I get to that?

With two-thirds of the country tipping the scales as overweight or obese, weight is a hefty health concern for most of us. But many people don't know what a good weight is for them, while others have unrealistic goals about their weight. Getting the facts from your doctor, as well as some evidence-based tips on how to maintain a healthy weight, is an important first step in reaching your weight goals.

### 6 What do you do to stay in shape?

Some doctors are reserved in sharing information about themselves with patients, but asking what works for them in terms of eating right and exercising can yield tangible advice on how to fit fitness and nutrition into a busy schedule.

### 7 If you're prescribed an opioid painkiller, ask: Is it really necessary, and what else can I do to relieve pain?

Despite growing awareness about the addictive powers of prescription opioid painkillers, the epidemic continues. As a result, Hilden suggests that for the vast majority of people seeking pain relief, it is best to avoid taking opioid medications altogether.

Instead, ask about other treatment options for pain relief, such as acupuncture, yoga or non-opiate pain medications. "Patients want their pain to go away. That's reasonable," Hilden said. But taking opioids, he said, is "too risky in the long run."

### 8 What are some things I can do before my next appointment that would help my health?

This question is especially helpful if you regularly see your doctor for chronic diseases. For a patient with Type 2 diabetes, for instance, a short-term goal might be to reduce blood sugar levels by one percentage point before the next doctor's visit.

### 9 If a doctor orders a test, ask: What is it for? What are you looking for?

Asking these questions can spark a more thoughtful discussion about your symptoms and include you in the decisionmaking process, Hilden said. On a related note, it's also OK to ask your doctor how much the test costs.

### 10 If your doctor recommends a particular treatment, ask: What are some alternative treatments?

In some cases, there are several treatment options, and patients who are aware of them, as well as of the risks and chances of success, are in the best position to be satisfied with their treatment decision. For instance, if you have a sore knee, there are a half-dozen things you can try, Hilden said.

A good doctor will not become defensive if you ask about options and will welcome your questions and the chance to discuss your health with you, Hilden said.

"You need a doctor who you trust to be a partner to help you make decisions that are best for you," he said. "Doctors are experts and you do need to tap into that expertise. But you want them to be open to consider what the other things we can do are."

#### Personal Trainer

### Slow is better for some people

It's not necessary for obese adults to walk briskly to burn calories; new research found that they use calories fastest when strolling.

Researchers had two groups walk a set distance at different speeds



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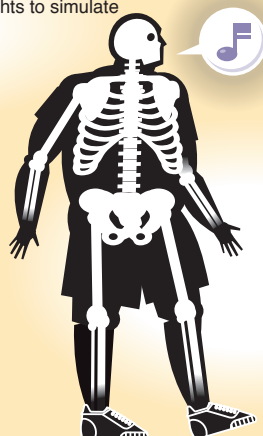
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#### Walking style may hold answer

Obese person uses only about 10 percent more energy than normal-weight person

A person of normal weight wearing leg weights to simulate being obese has to expend 50-100 percent more energy than usual to walk



**Possible reason** Obese people have ways to conserve energy when they walk

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## Life &amp; Style

In this Feb. 12, 2017, file photo, Adele performs "Hello" at the 59th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

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# Adele shares devastation at canceling weekend London shows

**L**ONDON (AP)—Grammy award winner Adele canceled two sold-out weekend shows at London's Wembley Stadium, telling fans early Saturday that her vocal cords were damaged and that she was advised by a doctor not to perform.

In a statement to her fans on social media, Adele said she considered going ahead with her Saturday night performance but didn't think she would have been able to make it through the show and didn't want to "crumble" on stage.

"I'm so desperate to do them that I've even considered miming, just to be in front of you and be with you," she wrote. "But I've never done it and I cannot in a million years do that to you. It wouldn't be the real me up there."

The announcement came at the end of a 15-month tour throughout Europe, the United States, Australia and New Zealand. The pop superstar said that touring never suited her well, and had hinted earlier that her current tour for the album

"25" would be her last.

The 29-year-old British singer included a signed, handwritten note in the program for her Wednesday night show at Wembley saying, "I don't know if I'll ever tour again and so I want my last time to be at home."

The "Hello" tour would have included a total of 123 performances had Adele gone ahead with the two shows this weekend. She performed at Wembley on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

"To not complete this milestone in my career is something I'm struggling to get my head around and I wish that I wasn't having to write this," she wrote. "It's something I'm really struggling to come to terms with. It's as if my whole career has been building up to these four shows."

Adele said refunds will be available, if the shows can't be rescheduled.

"I'm sorry, I'm devastated," she said. "I'm sorry. I love you. I'm so sorry. Please forgive me x."

## Jay-Z gets personal and deep on new album '4:44'

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Jay-Z gets personal and deep on his new album, opening up about his relationship with Beyoncé, the elevator fight with Solange and his children.

The icon released "4:44" on Friday, and it quickly became a trending topic online and on social media. On the title track, he apologizes to Beyoncé for some of his past decisions.

"You matured faster than me, I wasn't ready, so I apologize, I seen the innocence leave your eyes, I still mourn this death, I apologize for all

the stillborns 'cause I wasn't present your body wouldn't accept it," he said.

On "Kill Jay Z," the album's opening track, the rapper addresses the elevator fight from 2014, where Beyoncé's sister was caught attacking the rapper.

"You egged Solange on, knowing all along, all you had to say you was wrong," Jay-Z raps.

He also muses on the track that he almost "went Eric Benet" by letting "the baddest girl in the world get away."

The line is a reference to R&B singer Eric Benet, who was divorced from actress Halle Berry after he acknowledged cheating on her. Benet responded on Twitter on Friday, writing that his current wife is "the baddest girl in the world."

Blue Ivy's voice is heard on the final track, "Legacy," and Jay-Z discusses his mother, who he says is a lesbian, on the song "Smile." She closes the track with raw and real words, ending with: "Love who you love, because life isn't guaranteed, smile."

"4:44" is Jay-Z's first since 2013's "Magna Carta... Holy Grail." The 47-year-old references his twins on several tracks, though neither he nor Beyoncé have officially commented on the births.

Beyoncé sings and has writing credit on the song "Family Feud" where Jay-Z raps: "Yeah, I'll (mess) up a good thing if you let me, let me alone, Becky." It's a payoff of "Becky with the good hair" from Beyoncé's hit "Sorry," from her infamous "Lemonade" album.

## Hundreds of books owned by Warren Zevon to be sold

**WEST BARNET, Vt.** (AP)—Late singer and songwriter Warren Zevon's heroes were writers and classical musicians. That's clear by the "Werewolves of London" singer's large and eclectic library of books now for sale.

The collection of nearly 1,000 books includes copies signed by authors with personal notes to Zevon.

Among the books are collections of W. Somerset Maugham and Graham Greene novels as well as detective fiction. Some are by friends like Hunter S. Thompson, Carl Hiaasen or Stephen King, who dedicated a book to Zevon after his death.

Others books contain items within their pages from the musician's life, like a fax from a record company or a restaurant receipt.

"What he did was he used the books kind of like a filing system," said Zevon's ex-wife, Crystal Zevon, who along with their daughter Ariel Zevon is selling the books to raise money for a retreat and community center they've started in Vermont.

In the pages of the Maugham collection, there are letters, written itineraries and plane tickets.

"Things that were his that his fans would be interested in," she said.

Zevon's books are now being catalogued and will gradually be sold online on eBay. One just sold for \$400 and another one, a Robert Craft biography of Igor Stravinsky, who Zevon met as a teenager, is now up for sale.

Zevon, who died in 2003, never graduated from high school but read everything, his daughter said.

"He loved classic writers, he loved current writers, he loved hanging out with writers, he loved to talk about books," Ariel Zevon said of her father, who also played with the Rock Bottom Remainders, a band made up of published authors including King, Dave Barry

and Amy Tan.

Crystal Zevon said she has donated some books to libraries. The remaining books have been sitting in boxes in her garage.

She and her daughter decided to sell them to raise money to support a community retreat house that Crystal Zevon bought in her village of East Barnet, Vermont. So far, the 100-year-old house she purchased in March—called Brookview R&R—has been used as a retreat for activist groups, for gardening talks, weekly potlucks and will be used for classes by an herbalist. Most of the furnishings have been donated.

### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

#### 'Big Bang Theory' star thanks firefighters after house fire

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—"The Big Bang Theory" star Johnny Galecki is thanking firefighters for trying in vain to save his vacation home from a California wildfire. Galecki posted a picture on Instagram on Thursday of himself hugging a firefighter while standing among the rubble of the home in the San Luis Obispo area. He thanked Cal Fire in the caption, adding: «It is the profound risks that you accept and the sacrifices you and your families make that keep us safe.» The 42-year-old Galecki plays Dr. Leonard Hofstadter on the CBS show, one of the most popular on TV. He also was a regular on the ABC sitcom "Roseanne."

#### Disneyland takes wives off auction block on 'Pirates' ride

**ANAHEIM, Calif.** (AP)—Yo ho, yo ho, no pirate's wife for me. Disneyland's "Pirates of the Caribbean" ride is losing a scene where a bound and tearful woman is on the auction block for pirates to buy as a wife. A banner that now says "Auction, take a wench for a bride" will be changed to "Auction, Surrender yer loot," and the woman on the auction block will herself become a

pirate. Disneyland spokeswoman Suzi Brown says Friday the changes will be made at the Paris park in July and at the Anaheim, California, and Florida parks next year. The change is the most recent of several updates to the ride to match modern sensibilities, including one where a scene was altered to have pirates chasing a woman's food instead of the woman.

#### Promoter in failed Bahamas music festival arrested in NYC

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The promoter behind a failed music festival that was in the Bahamas was arrested Friday in New York on a wire fraud charge. Billy McFarland was charged with scheming to defraud investors in his company, Fyre Media, and Fyre Festival that was supposed to take place on the island of Exuma over two weekends in April and May. The Fyre Festival was billed as an ultra-luxurious event with headliners including rockers Blink-182 and the hip-hop act Migos. But performers bowed out and organizers were forced to cancel the show. Acting U.S. Attorney Joon Kim said McFarland presented fake documents to induce investors to put more than \$1 million into his company and the failed festival.



# In tweet blitz, Trump defends his use of social media

**BRIDGEWATER, N.J.** (AP)—President Donald Trump escalated an intensely personal feud with two high-profile talk show hosts Saturday, suggesting without evidence that their network is biased against him.

The president's stream of insults has pained politicians from both parties who have appealed to him, without apparent success, to stop the 140-character bursts of character attacks and focus on running the country. Saturday evening, Trump was at it again.

Trump lashed out at Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski, co-hosts of MSNBC's "Morning Joe," on Twitter earlier Saturday. From his New Jersey golf club, he said: "Crazy Joe Scarborough and dumb as a rock Mika are not bad people, but their low rated show is dominated by their NBC bosses."

Trump also said that Greta Van Susteren lost her nightly

show on MSNBC because she "refused to go along w/ 'Trump hate!'" MSNBC confirmed this week that Van Susteren, previously a longtime anchor at Fox News, was being replaced.

NBC declined comment on all the tweets Saturday from the president. "Morning Joe" just finished the highest-rated quarter in the show's history. MSNBC never officially gave a reason for replacing Van Susteren's show; it did, however, lag in the ratings compared with the network's other shows.

Later in the day, Trump renewed his screed against the media.

"The FAKE & FRAUDULENT NEWS MEDIA is working hard to convince Republicans and others I should not use social media—but remember, I won the 2016 election with interviews, speeches and social media. I had to beat #FakeNews, and did. We will continue to WIN!" Trump said



on Twitter.

And he said he was thinking about "changing the name of #FakeNewsCNN to #FraudNewsCNN."

Trump drew broad condemnation for his tweets on Thursday calling Brzezinski "crazy" and saying she was "bleeding

badly from a face-lift" when he saw them at his Florida estate. The comment was decried as sexist and vulgar by many Democrats and Republicans.

The MSNBC personalities said Friday that Trump was lying about their December

encounter and they questioned his "unhealthy obsession" with their program. The hosts, who are a couple onscreen and off, also said the White House told them a damaging National Enquirer story about their relationship would "go away" if they called the president and

<sup>AP</sup>  
In this Wednesday, June 28, 2017, file photo, President Donald Trump speaks during an energy roundtable with tribal, state and local leaders in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, in Washington.

apologized for harsh commentary. Trump quickly disputed the claim on Twitter.

Trump's continued focus on cable television comes as Republicans are struggling to find agreement on a health care overhaul, a key promise from the president and GOP lawmakers. And Trump is heading to the annual Group of 20 meeting this week, where he will meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin, a high-stakes encounter that could put Trump's "America First" policy to the test.

Trump also tweeted angrily at CNN on Saturday, saying the network, which he has long pilloried, "has finally been exposed as #FakeNews and garbage journalism."

## Mick Jagger says newspaper editorial saved him from prison

**LONDON** (AP)—Rock superstar Mick Jagger says a newspaper editorial was responsible for helping him avoid prison for a minor drug offense in 1967.

The Rolling Stones frontman tells the Times of London on Saturday that he had been sentenced to three months in jail not because of the severity of his crime but because band members were being "scapegoats" by an older generation critical of

their lifestyle.

The Times editorial underscored this point, saying Jagger should be treated "exactly the same as anyone else."

The 73-year-old singer tells the newspaper "that editorial got me out jail. One day it dropped, and the next thing I was out."

Jagger credits the editorial with telling the establishment "come on guys, this is just not English fair play kind of thing."

## Ivanka Trump keeps quiet on dad's tweets assailing TV host

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Ivanka Trump has been vocal in using her White House role to advocate for women. But when President Donald Trump lobbed a demeaning attack on a female TV host on Twitter this week, his daughter and senior adviser kept quiet.

It was a moment of silence that spoke to the challenges and calculations Ivanka Trump faces as she tries to promote family-friendly policies in an administration led by a man whose comments about women have made women cringe and drawn bipartisan rebuke.

In recent weeks, the young-

er Trump has discussed family leave with lawmakers, traveled to promote job-training efforts and spoken out against human trafficking. She's also tried to position herself as above the political fray, saying in one interview that she tries to "stay out of politics" and in another that she's been surprised by the "level of viciousness" in Washington politics.

The tussle between her father and "Morning Joe" co-hosts Mika Brzezinski and Joe Scarborough offered a pointed reminder to Ivanka Trump that this is a city where it's impossible to separate policy and politics.

The MSNBC hosts, in a Washington Post column Friday, called on women close to the president to condemn him for questioning Brzezinski's intelligence and saying that she was "bleeding badly from a face-lift" in a December encounter.

"It would be the height of hypocrisy to claim the mantle of women's empowerment while allowing a family member to continue such abusive conduct," Brzezinski and Scarborough wrote.

Ivanka Trump did not respond to questions about the president's tweet or how it affects her policy efforts.

While she has won some praise for trying to tackle complex issues that are not traditionally high on the Republican agenda, such as paid family leave and child care expenses, liberal advocates said her recent evasion tactics were not helpful in building bipartisan bridges.

"Moments like this make it much harder for advocates that have spent decades fighting gender stereotypes and discrimination and advancing women's equality to view her as a potential ally," said Vicki Shabo, vice president of the National Partnership for Women & Families.

## There's no room for both mom and boyfriend in woman's life

**DEAR ABBY:** I was in a relationship for 12 years. "Jenny" was my best friend. I had to end our relationship because she had allowed her mother to destroy it.

Jenny is 35 and her mother cooks, cleans, does her laundry and makes her bed for her. I would return from work and find her mother sleeping next to her in bed every day. It seemed to me to be her way of putting a wedge in between us.

If we went to a concert, we had to buy three tickets because Jenny always had to bring her mother. When I would ask Jenny out to dinner, she would say, "Can Mom come?" Is this normal? If we had an argument, her mother would get involved and it would become two against one, and I would always be in the wrong. Nothing I did was right.

Since we broke up, Jenny doesn't speak to me. I lost my best friend, and I don't know what to do.

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**DEAR TOO MUCH COMPANY:** Jenny's primary relationship was—and probably forever will be—with her mother. You may have felt that Jenny was your best friend, but Jenny's best friend is her mother—a bond that her mother works very hard to keep intact. Accept it, expand your social circle and move on. That's all you can do because Jenny is taken.

**DEAR ABBY:** I hope you will let me unload on you. I lost

my much-loved cat a year ago and would like to get another pet, but I cannot afford it.

Having been in business, there are some costs I can understand, such as vet care, grooming and kennel fees if a trip is planned. But the pharmaceutical prices are simply unaffordable, with vaccinations, flea medicine and meds when the pet is sick—not to mention end-of-life care. I cannot put a pet down just because it is old.

I am elderly and, while not rich, I do get by. But I cannot afford pet insurance, either. I am a widow, and a pet would be a great comfort to me. Any ideas?

MONA IN YUBA CITY, CALIF.

**DEAR MONA:** Have you considered fostering a cat while an animal rescue group finds a permanent home for it? Contact some in your area and ask whether they cover the cost of veterinary expenses while the cat is staying with you. You may be pleasantly surprised to find that they do.

Also, contact a no-kill shelter and inquire if it's possible to foster a pet or to volunteer there. In addition to the gratification you will get from having a furry houseguest, you will be doing the kitty a huge favor.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 64 and my live-in fiancé is 73. He has no retirement or savings. He has a winter job he loves and works occasionally in the summer. We will not marry so we can keep our finances separate, and he has contributed one-fifth

## DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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toward my home.

My problem is he wants to go out to dinner all the time. I suggest that we eat at home to save money, which is also more healthy. We have upcoming roof and boiler expenses that he won't be able to contribute to. Any suggestions?

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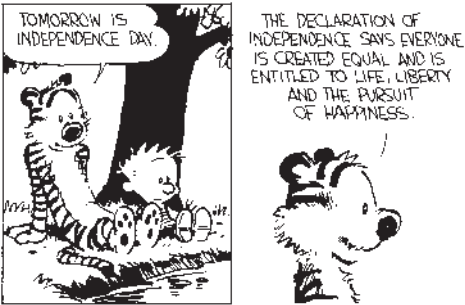
**DEAR M.M.:** Just this. Point out to your fiancé that because of the upcoming maintenance expenses, eating out as often as he wants is more than you can manage, and tell him that if he wants to eat out, HE will be the one paying for it. Summer is here now, and he should arrange his work schedule so he can afford it.

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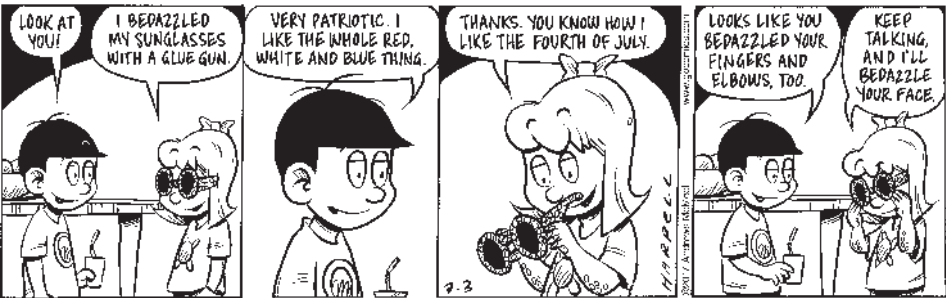
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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Voice your opinion and make a difference. Don't follow the crowd or go along with things just for the sake of keeping the peace. Say what's on your mind and make a difference. Romance is encouraged and will improve your life. \*\*\*\*\*

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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
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# AP sources: Pacers trade Paul George to Thunder

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER



Paul George has a new home, and Russell Westbrook has a new star teammate.

The Indiana Pacers have agreed to trade George to the Oklahoma City Thunder for Victor Oladipo and Domantas Sabonis, said two people with knowledge of the details. The stunning deal gives Westbrook, the newly crowned NBA MVP, some serious help next season.

Teams came together on the trade Friday just hours before the free agent market was set to open, said the people who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the trade was not official.

George told the Pacers recently that he planned to leave as a free agent next summer, forcing the team to find a trade before losing him for nothing.

The trade was first reported by ESPN.

George could have been in line for the so-called "Super-max" extension—a five-year pact worth about \$205 mil-



lion—with Indiana this summer, had he been voted onto the All-NBA team this offseason.

He wasn't, though if he is an All-NBA player next sea-

son—which is certainly possible with the numbers he could post playing alongside Westbrook—George would be eligible for a huge payday

again. And the irony there is that if he is set on joining the Los Angeles Lakers in 2018, as has been reported for some time, George would miss out

on that massive extra windfall.

George is the second Eastern Conference All-Star from this past season to join the already-loaded Western Conference in the last few days. Jimmy Butler was traded by Chicago to Minnesota on draft night.

"Playoffs spots are opening

AP  
In this April 8, 2017, file photo, Indiana Pacers' Paul George (13) tries to get position to shoot against Orlando Magic's Terrence Ross during an NBA basketball game in Orlando, Fla.

up," Philadelphia's Joel Embiid noted on his Twitter account Friday night.

In the East, that certainly seems to be the case.

George broke his left leg in a gruesome scene while playing with USA Basketball in Las Vegas in 2014, which prompted fears he would never be the same. Those fears were most unfounded, since George has better than ever in the last two seasons—averaging 23.1 points and 7.0 rebounds in 2015-16, and following that up with averages of 23.7 points and 6.6 rebounds this past season.

He's been to the playoffs six times, getting to the East finals twice and losing to Miami each time.

Indiana will be Oladipo's third team, after starting his career in Orlando and spending last season in Oklahoma City. He's averaged 15.9 points per game in his four pro seasons, on 43 percent shooting.

Sabonis started 66 games as a rookie last season with the Thunder, averaging 5.9 points

## Gordon Hayward visits Miami, as Heat lay out their vision

By TIM REYNOLDS  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Gordon Hayward was greeted on Saturday by an image of himself wearing a Miami Heat uniform.

Soon, the Heat will know if their vision becomes reality.

With coaches, staff and some current players helping to lay out the red carpet, the Heat made their pitch to the All-Star forward - who is also expected to speak with Boston and Utah in the coming days before announcing his decision.

A person with direct knowledge of the meeting told The Associated Press that Hayward was at the arena where the Heat play for several

hours, getting a feel for many aspects of the team's operation and emphasis on their culture. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because neither the Heat nor Hayward revealed any details publicly.

Among the players known to be part of the meeting were Heat center Hassan Whiteside and longtime captain Udonis Haslem - who returned from dropping his son off at college in time to greet Hayward. Haslem is also a free agent, though the Heat indicated to the Miami native again on Saturday that they want him to return next season for what would be his 15th year with his hometown team.

Also in the meeting were

Heat President Pat Riley, coach Erik Spoelstra and several assistant coaches. Heat assistants Chris Quinn and Juwan Howard are part of Miami's summer-league staff; neither was at the summer opener in Orlando on Saturday because they were engaged in what the team described only as "official Heat business."

It didn't take much to figure out what that meant.

Most of the specifics of what went on inside the arena when Hayward—who averaged a career-best 21.9 points last season for Utah—visited were kept secret.

One selling point, however, was in full display for all to see. The Heat often hang pho-

tos of their current players on the light poles along the street leading to the arena's parking garages—and had one of Hayward, in the No. 20 jersey the team wants to see him wearing in Miami for years to come, newly installed in time for his arrival.

Another topic that surely came up was how the West is loaded, and how Hayward might be best served heading East.

Golden State has won two of the last three NBA championships, Paul George is now paired with MVP Russell Westbrook in Oklahoma City, Minnesota has made huge strides this summer and San Antonio will still likely be a title contender.

## AP source: Blake Griffin returning to the Clippers

By TIM REYNOLDS  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Blake Griffin was in line to be one of the most pursued players in free agency.

That is, until he decided to skip free agency.

And his reward for that will be one of the richest contracts in NBA history.

Hours before other teams could officially start trying to woo him away from the Los Angeles Clippers, Griffin agreed to terms on a five-year deal worth approximately \$175 million to remain with the Los Angeles Clippers, according to a person with knowledge of the situation. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal cannot be formally announced until at least July 6.

Griffin's deal will be worth about \$22 million more than the then-record \$153 million contract Memphis guard Mike Conley signed last summer. But the total value of Griffin's deal will likely be surpassed in this free-agent frenzy, with players like Golden State's Stephen Curry eligible to get even more.

Griffin was planning to meet with other teams this

weekend, including Phoenix, but canceled those talks after striking the deal to stay in Los Angeles.

Griffin is still only 28, and the Clippers hope that means he's just entering his prime. And his agreeing to stay with the Clippers ensures that it won't be a total reset in L.A. next season. His team will however look decidedly different, after nine-time All-Star Chris Paul decided to leave and wound up getting traded ahead of the free-agency window to the Houston Rockets in a blockbuster deal earlier this week.

Griffin was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2009 draft, then missed that entire ensuing season with a left knee injury. He was extremely durable over what became his first four seasons, but a variety of other injuries sidelined him for 83 games—a full season plus one game—over the last three years alone. And he was hurt during the Clippers' first-round playoff matchup against Utah this season.

The Clippers lost that series in seven games.

Griffin has spent his entire career with the Clippers, averaging 21.5 points and 9.4 rebounds on 52 percent shooting.

## Warriors GM: Team to sign Steph Curry when moratorium lifts

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—One of the NBA's biggest bargains until now, Stephen Curry is about to receive his massive payday.

Golden State general manager Bob Myers said Friday the Warriors will finalize a contract with the two-time MVP once the free agency moratorium ends July 6.

The champion Warriors confirmed that in an email to The Associated Press on Friday night.

"We intend to enter into a Player Contract with Stephen once the Moratorium Period ends," Myers said.

Curry's agent, Jeff Austin

of Octagon Sports, first told ESPN that the deal will be worth \$201 million over five years, a record for the NBA. Austin didn't immediately return emails from AP.

Curry, who won the MVP in 2015 and '16 and earned \$12 million this season, averaged 28.1 points in the playoffs while also contributing 6.7 assists and 6.2 rebounds. He said when the season ended he was looking forward to receiving a hefty raise while still focused on a team-first approach as he, Kevin Durant and the others try to build a dynasty after capturing the

franchise's second title in three years against LeBron James and the Cavaliers.

"It would mean everything," Curry said of keeping the group together. "What we've built here is truly special. It's unique, it's something that you don't want to see end at all. All the pieces that we have are important to the equation of winning a championship and competing for a championship every single year. It is a business. There are decisions that need to be made every single year and you've got to assess the situation as it is."

"... As we go into the talks and this whole process, which

is obviously new for me, I will approach it to get the most out of it I can as an individual, as a player, and something that I've been working for for a very long time. In the context of keeping the team together, if there are decisions that need to be made, we'll talk about it for sure."

On Thursday, NBA Finals MVP Durant declined to opt in for the second year of his contract with Golden State and is an unrestricted free agent. That was an expected move, as he said he plans to do his part to keep the core of the champion Warriors intact to chase more titles by giving the team financial flexibility.



# Sale pitches 7 shutout innings, Red Sox beat Blue Jays, 7-1



**TORONTO**  
(AP)—Chris Sale pitched

seven shutout innings to win his third straight decision, Xander Bogaerts had three RBIs and the Boston Red Sox beat the Toronto Blue Jays 7-1 on Saturday.

Sale (11-3) struck out 11, boosting his major league-leading total to 166. He's 2-0 with 24 strikeouts in 15 scoreless innings against the Blue Jays this season.

Blaine Boyer pitched the eighth and Robby Scott gave up Steve Pearce's solo home run in the ninth.

Jackie Bradley Jr. hit a two-out, two run double in the first and Dustin Pedroia did the same in the second. Bogaerts had a sacrifice fly in the fifth and added a two-run single off Lucas Harrell in the ninth.

Mookie Betts walked three times and scored three runs for the AL East-leading Red Sox, who have won five of six. Hanley Ramirez had three hits.

Blue Jays left-hander Francisco Liriano (4-4) allowed five runs in six innings.

## **Tigers 7, Indians 4, 1st game** **Indians 4, Tigers 1, 2nd game**

In Detroit, Jose Ramirez hit a two-run homer to cap a four-run sixth inning, and Carlos Carrasco pitched Cleveland to a doubleheader split against Detroit.

The Tigers won the opener and led 1-0 in the second game before the Indians broke through against Jordan Zimmermann (5-6). The right-hander allowed one hit through five innings, but didn't make it through the sixth.

Carrasco (9-3) yielded four hits in seven innings. He struck out seven and walked one.

Andrew Miller worked a perfect ninth for his second save, aided by a spectacular catch from Bradley Zimmer.

In the opener, Nicholas Castellanos hit a tiebreaking triple in the seventh off Bryan Shaw (2-3). J.D. Martinez and Miguel Cabrera hit back-to-back homers for the Tigers.

Shane Greene (2-2) got the win, and Justin Wilson earned his eighth save.

## **Mets 7, Phillies 6**

In New York, Asdrubal Cabrera hit the winning homer as part of a four-run rally in the seventh inning that carried New York past Philadelphia.

The resurgent Mets overcame three errors and a short start by Zack Wheeler in his return from the disabled list to win their fourth straight. They've won seven of eight since getting swept in four games at Dodger Stadium.

Phillies starter Jeremy Hellickson left with a 6-4 lead in the seventh after giv-



ing up seven hits, including solo homers by Lucas Duda and T.J. Rivera. Pinch-hitter Wilmer Flores stroked an RBI single and Cabrera connected off Pat Neshek (2-2), who began the day with a 0.57 ERA. He had not permitted a run since May 14, making 19 straight scoreless appearances.

After a 57-minute rain delay in the top of the eighth, Addison Reed came on and got four outs for his 14th save. Reed worked around a leadoff double by Aaron Altherr in the ninth that nearly cleared the right-field wall.

Fernando Salas (1-2) got the win despite allowing a three-run homer to Tommy Joseph that gave Philadelphia a 6-3 lead in the seventh.

## **Rangers 10, White Sox 4**

In Chicago, Cole Hamels overcame a shaky start to win for the first time since April, and Texas hit three home runs.

Hamels (3-0) allowed two runs and two hits while striking out six in 6 2/3 innings for his first win since April 26. He retired 19 straight batters after giving up a double and a homer and hitting a batter with a pitch in the first inning of his second start since returning from a strained right oblique.

Elvis Andrus, Mike Napoli and Rougned Odor homered for the Rangers, who snapped a three-game losing streak.

White Sox starter Derek Holland (5-8) didn't fare as well in his first game against his former team. Holland, who spent his first eight seasons with the Rangers and was on their 2010 and 2011 AL championship squads, allowed five runs in 5 1/3 innings. He is 1-5 in his last seven starts.

## **Royals 11, Twins 6, 1st game** **Twins 10, Royals 5, 2nd game**

In Kansas City, Missouri,

Miguel Sano belted a three-run homer, Felix Jorge pitched five-plus solid innings to win his major league debut and Minnesota beat Kansas City to split their doubleheader.

Brandon Moss, Alcides Escobar and Alex Gordon, the Royals' 7-8-9 hitters, went a combined 6 for 12 with three home runs, seven RBIs and six runs as the Royals rallied from a four-run deficit to win the opener.

Sano has five home runs and 24 RBIs in 11 games against the Royals this season. He went deep in both games.

Eddie Rosario went 5 for 5 and scored three runs in the nightcap. Jorge (1-0) was charged with three runs and seven hits.

Kansas City starter Jason Hammel (4-7) gave up seven runs and nine hits in 5 1/3 innings. Eric Hosmer hit a two-run homer.

In the opener, Mike Moustakas hit his 22nd home run, tying his season high and matching Jermaine Dye in 2000 for the club record before the All-Star game. Moustakas bats sixth and for the first time in Royals history, their 6-7-8-9 batters all homered in the same game.

Alex Gordon had a three-run shot. Alcides Escobar and Brandon Moss, with an estimated 474-foot drive to straightaway center, also homered for Kansas City. Moss had three hits.

Salvador Perez hit a two-out, two-run single in a three-run seventh to snap a 6-all tie against Tyler Duffy (0-2).

Mike Minor (4-1), the fourth of six Kansas City pitchers, struck out four in two innings.

## **Reds 5, Cubs 3**

In Cincinnati, Jackson Stephens lasted five innings in his major league debut and drove in the go-ahead runs with a bases-loaded single to lead Cincinnati.

The Cubs' fourth loss in five

games dropped them to 40-41, well off their pace from a year ago (51-30) when they were on their way to an NL Central title and a World Series championship.

Stephens (1-0) gave up a solo homer by Jon Jay and a two-run shot by Willson Contreras. He was called up to help the Reds fill an opening in the rotation created by Brandon Finnegan's arm injury.

## **Brewers 8 Marlins 4**

In Milwaukee, Domingo Santana hit a two-run homer off Giancarlo Stanton's glove, sparking a seven-run second inning that lifted Milwaukee past Miami.

Santana tied it with a home run to right off Tom Koehler (1-3), who walked Travis Shaw to start the second. Stanton jumped and got the tip of his mitt on the ball, but it bounced off and fell into the seats. Stanton put his hands on his head as Santana circled the bases.

Shaw had a two-run single later in the inning. Brewers starter Zach Davies drove in a run on a fielder's choice, Stephen Vogt drew a bases-load walk and Jonathan Villar added a run-scoring single as Milwaukee sent 13 batters to the plate in the inning.

## **Braves 4, Athletics 3**

In Oakland, California, Dansby Swanson hit a tiebreaking double off closer Santiago Casilla in the ninth inning to drive in Danny Santana — one of two unearned runs scored by Atlanta — and the Braves held on for the win.

Santana had two hits and two runs and Matt Adams added a sacrifice fly in his return to the lineup as Atlanta won its second straight in this interleague series. The Braves have won 10 of 14 overall.

Atlanta led 3-1 behind knuckleballer R.A. Dickey before Khris Davis hit a tying two-run home run off Arodys

Vizcaino in the eighth.

## **Giants 2, Pirates 1, 11 innings**

In Pittsburgh, Denard Span scored on a wild pitch in the 11th inning to give San Francisco a win over Pittsburgh.

Span walked against Daniel Hudson (1-4) and stole second. Joe Panik singled, and Buster Posey faced a full count when Hudson's pitch got past catcher Elias Diaz, allowing Span to score.

## **Rays 10, Orioles 3**

In Baltimore, Logan Morrison homered twice, Wilson Ramos hit a three-run drive and Tampa Bay beat Dylan Bundy and Baltimore.

Steven Souza had a solo shot for the Rays, who have 23 home runs in their last 12 games. Morrison, who connected in the first inning and again in the third, has 24 for the season — a career high.

Jake Odorizzi (5-3) was the beneficiary of Tampa Bay's 14-hit attack, which included four doubles. The right-hander pitched five innings, allowing at least three earned runs for the sixth start in a row. He also yielded a home run in his 12th successive appearance, a club record.

## **Cardinals 2, Nationals 1**

In St. Louis, Alex Mejia's first two major league hits, including an eighth-inning home run, were the difference as St. Louis defeated Washington.

The Cardinals have won four straight and six of seven.

Washington, the only team in the National League yet to be shut out this season, has lost three in a row and five of seven.

Michael Wacha (5-3), celebrating his 26th birthday, tossed six scoreless innings. He allowed four hits and struck out a season-high nine.

## **Astros 7, Yankees 6**

In Houston, Yuli Gurriel hit a two-

<sup>AP</sup>  
Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Chris Sale works against Toronto Blue Jays during the fourth inning of a baseball game in Toronto on Saturday July 1, 2017.

run homer in the fifth and a two-run double off Aroldis Chapman that put Houston on top in a four-run eighth inning as the Astros rallied to beat New York.

Houston trailed 6-3 in the eighth before Jose Altuve walked with one out before stealing second and third and scoring on a groundout by Carlos Correa. Evan Gattis hit a long home run off Dellin Betances (3-3) to make it 6-5.

## **Diamondbacks 6, Rockies 2**

In Phoenix, Zack Greinke struck out eight in seven strong innings and Arizona topped Colorado to stop a three-game losing streak.

Greinke (10-4) allowed three hits, one of those being Trevor Story's two-run homer in the seventh to make it a one-run game. But the Diamondbacks scored three times in the bottom half to take control.

David Peralta doubled twice and drove in two runs for the Diamondbacks, who have not lost more than three consecutive games this season. Fernando Rodney got two outs for his 21st save and has a career-best 11 straight hitless outings.

## **Dodgers 8, Padres 0**

In San Diego, Chris Taylor hit a grand slam, Corey Seager and Justin Turner had consecutive homers and Rich Hill tied his career high with 11 strikeouts in Los Angeles' victory against San Diego.

Bench coach Bob Geren managed the Dodgers in place of Dave Roberts, suspended one game by Major League Baseball for his role in an altercation with Padres manager Andy Green the night before. Roberts was also fined, as were Green and Dodgers pitcher Alex Wood.

Taylor's slam came off Craig Stammen in the seventh inning. It was his third of the season and the fourth of his career.

## **Angels 4, Mariners 0**

In Anaheim, California, Ricky Nolasco pitched a three-hitter for his second straight scoreless outing as Los Angeles blanked Seattle.

Nolasco (4-9) did not walk a batter and struck out seven in his first complete game of the season. He was coming off 6 1/3 sharp innings in a 4-0 win over the Dodgers, a stark turnaround from a disappointing stretch that left manager Mike Scioscia defending Nolasco's place in the rotation.

Nolasco's sixth career shutout was the first by an Angels pitcher this season.



# Pacquiao loses WBO welterweight title on points to Horn



**BRISBANE, Australia** (AP)—Manny Pacquiao lost his WBO wel-

terweight world title to Jeff Horn in a stunning, unanimous points decision in a Sunday afternoon bout billed as the Battle of Brisbane in front of more than 51,000 people.

The 11-time world champion entered the fight at Suncorp Stadium as a hot favorite but got more than he bargained for against the 29-year-old former schoolteacher.

Still, Pacquiao dominated the later rounds and had Horn wobbling at the end of the 9th.

"I felt buzzed for sure, but I'm the Hornet—I've got to

come back," Horn said of that round. "I'm not a quitter. Australians aren't quitters to start with. We've showed we're winners. "It was the battle of Brisbane, that's for sure. Absolutely unbelievable. So pumped."

Pacquiao's long-time trainer Freddie Roach predicted the fight would be short and sweet but Horn—unbeaten in his 17 previous professional fights—applied pressure by winning some of the early rounds and Pacquiao needed treatment during the 6th and 7th rounds for a cut on the top of his head that resulted from a clash of heads.

The judges scored the fight 117-111, 115-113 and 115-



Jeff Horn of Australia celebrates after beating Manny Pacquiao of the Philippines during their WBO World welterweight title fight in Brisbane, Australia, Sunday, July 2, 2017.

113, and Horn declared himself "no joke."

Roach had said earlier in the week that he'd think about advising Pacquiao to retire if he lost the fight, but that would depend on how he fought.

Horn can't see Pacquiao retiring any time soon.

"I'm sure he'll want to come back. It was a close decision and I'm sure he'll want to come back and prove himself," Horn said.

Top Rank promotor Bob Arum said there was a clause for a rematch, but he'd give it time before talking to Pacquiao about it.

"I know Jeff would welcome the rematch, but I don't know Manny's future position," Arum said. "Is he going to stay in politics and not continue in boxing? I don't know, and he doesn't know now - it's unfair to ask him now."

Pacquiao's camp had talked about a rematch with Mayweather if he got past Horn, hoping to avenge his loss on points in the 2015 mega fight. That seems to be a distant chance now.

Pacquiao, who entered the fight with a record of 59-6-2, 38 knockouts, was defending the WBO title he won on points against Jessie Vargas last November.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Steelers' Burns charged with driving with suspended license

**MIAMI BEACH, Fla.** (AP)—Pittsburgh Steelers cornerback Artie Burns has been charged with driving with a suspended license. A Miami Beach Police report says an officer pulled over Burns' Cadillac SUV in South Beach on Thursday for having an expired tag. The report says the 22-year-old Burns failed to produce a driver's license, and was handcuffed and taken to a county jail. Miami-Dade County court records show Burns hadn't paid hundreds of dollars in traffic tickets and failed to appear for a hearing. The police report says Burns' SUV was impounded and the vehicle's tag was seized. Jail records show Burns was released

on bond Friday. It couldn't be determined if he had an attorney; the case wasn't yet listed in court records. Burns was a first-round draft pick by the Steelers in 2016.

### Vikings player Floyd expected to appear in Arizona court

**SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.** (AP)—Vikings wide receiver Michael Floyd is expected to appear in an Arizona court after being flagged for failed alcohol tests that are part of his monitoring for house arrest in Minnesota. The Scottsdale City Court hearing Monday will give Floyd a chance to make his case regarding the failed breathalyzer tests and one he missed earlier this month. Vikings officials say they encouraged Floyd to drink a fermented tea called

kombucha he says was the reason he was flagged for drinking alcohol and violating terms of his house arrest. Floyd pleaded guilty on Feb. 17 to extreme drunken driving. Police say they found Floyd passed out behind the wheel on Dec. 12. He had a blood-alcohol level of 0.217, more than 2 1/2 times the legal limit in Arizona.

### Former Packers RB Ahman Green charged with child abuse

**GREEN BAY, Wis.** (AP)—Former Green Bay Packers running back Ahman Green was charged Monday with felony child abuse after his 15-year-old daughter told police he punched her in the face. Green, 40, is also charged with disorderly conduct in the incident late Sun-

day in the Green Bay suburb of Ledgeview. According to a criminal complaint, Green's daughter told police that he struck her in the face in a dispute over getting her to do the dishes. She also said he threw her to the ground and against kitchen cabinets. According to the complaint, Green told deputies he "may have" thrown his daughter to the ground and against cabinets. He said he slapped her in the head and believed he may have hit her glasses, causing a swollen eye, according to the complaint. A court commissioner ordered Green's release Monday on a \$2,500 signature bond after ordering him to have no contact with his daughter or others who may have witnessed the incident. The Green Bay Press-Gazette reports Green's next court

appearance was set for July 11, to give him time to hire an attorney. Green appeared in court via teleconference from the Brown County Jail. Lee Schuchart, a public defender representing Green at Monday's appearance, called the incident "a constitutional issue" involving "parental rights." Lammi Sports Management, which has handled Green's appearances, had no immediate comment. Green was inducted into the Packers Hall of Fame in 2014. He is the team's all-time leading rusher and a four-time Pro Bowl selection. Green starred at Nebraska, then spent the first two seasons of his 12-year NFL career in Seattle. He played for Houston in 2007-08, but spent most of his career in Green Bay, his last season coming in 2009.

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Lee also faced a Japanese foe in the Final Four and took two sets to boot out No. 14 Saki Imamura, 6-2, 7-5, and move a win away from clinching her fifth championships in the ITF Juniors Circuit. However, Christensen spoiled Lee's party, as the former kept her momentum en route to beating the No. 1 seed in the tournament.

The singles loss was sec-

ond in a row in the finals for Lee last weekend, as she and teammate Maxine Ng also fell short in their bid for the doubles crown last Friday. The No. 1 seed Lee and Ng bowed to the unranked pair of Yoshiyama and Ikumi Yamazaki as the Japanese duo posted a 6-3, 6-3 victory in the doubles title match.

With her runner-up finishes in the Oceania Open Junior Championships 2017, Lee had to settle for 20 rankings points (singles) and 15 (doubles).

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the 9:33.25 and 10:39.95 of Academy Swim Club's Jacob Schnitzler and Hilo Aquatics' Matthew Icari, respectively. The SSC swimmer also did the 400m freestyle event and this time his 4:25.85 defeated the times of three other swimmers. Akimaru finished the eight-lap course about six seconds ahead of his closest pursuer—Schnitzler (4:31.47).

The veteran SSC member

swam in another 100m butterfly race and had a faster time at 1:02.68, which landed him at the No. 1 spot anew, ahead of Hilo Aquatics' Kamren Flores (1:08.84) and Icari (1:10.98). For his final event—the lung-busting 1,500m—Akimaru saved the best for last as he set a new personal best time after recording 17:44.77.

Meanwhile, Boyer was the first SSC swimmer to plunge into the pool during last month's meet and he finished second in the men's 17 to 18's

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under 18 100m qualifying run last Friday and gained a personal best time. She clocked in at 14.59 seconds on heat No. 2 to surpass her previous PB of 14.82 seconds. Sapong and Ichio did the same event, but were entered in the older age group (under 20). Sapong submitted 13.64 seconds, missing her PB (13.35 seconds), while Ichio tallied 15.51 seconds, way behind her PB of 13.89

seconds. New Zealand's Hulls recorded the fastest qualifying time in the 20-and-under race with her 12.19 seconds, while Australia's Jessie Andrew had 12.71 seconds to lead U18 qualifiers.

Ichio had her second individual event last Saturday—the javelin throw—and had a 21.94m heave to finish at No. 6. Australia's Jessica Aldridge (44.96m) took the gold medal, while Fiji's Katarina Lilicama (43.03m) and Tahiti's Vaimiti Marii (40.26m) won the silver

and bronze.

In other results, Traven Quitagua completed his 100m and 200m races in the men's U18. He submitted 12.35 seconds in the 100m sprint to rank No. 14 in the series of qualifiers, which was topped by Samoa's Tapasu Jonathan Paea (11.18 seconds). In the 200m run, the CNMI runner placed at No. 11 with his 24.58 seconds, while Australia's Preston Degarnham had the fastest qualifying time at 22.33 seconds.

200m butterfly after registering 2:38.31. Boyer also competed in the 100m butterfly event twice with his time (1:07.11) in the second race giving him the victory over Kona's Ryan Cohen (1:07.39) and Hawaii Island Swim Club's Felix Peng (1:07.79). In his first 100m swim, Boyer timed in at 1:07.16 for a runner-up finish behind Hilo Aquatics' Daniel Kimura (1:06.36).

The 17-year-old Boyer also won the 50m freestyle (28.49 seconds), while he placed third

in another 200m freestyle race with a better time of 2:25.18.

Villacrusis was entered in the same 50m freestyle event and prevailed in his group after touching the wall at the 26.52 second-mark. Villacrusis defeated Peng (27.11 seconds) and ASC's Asher Robertson (27.75 seconds). He also topped the 100m breaststroke after timing in at 1:17.85, while he was ranked third in the 200m individual medley (2:35.64) and 200m freestyle (2:22.68).

Villacrusis, Boyer, and Akimaru are still in Hawaii and were reunited with fellow SSC members Lennosuke and Jinnosuke Suzuki, Taiyo Akimaru, and Jinie and Jinju Thompson and coach Jacoby Winkfield. They competed in the 69th Keo Nakama Invitational Swim Meet held over the weekend in Oahu and will also join the July 8 Jaco Chun's to Waimea Swim—the third race in the Surf 'N Sea North Shore Swim Series and features a 1.6-mile course.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	46	35	.568	—
New York	43	36	.544	2
Tampa Bay	43	40	.518	4
Baltimore	39	41	.488	6 1/2
Toronto	37	43	.463	8 1/2

##### Central Division

Cleveland	43	37	.538	—
Minnesota	41	39	.513	2
Kansas City	40	40	.500	3
Detroit	36	44	.450	7
Chicago	35	45	.438	8

##### West Division

Houston	55	27	.671	—
Los Angeles	42	42	.500	14
Seattle	40	41	.494	14 1/2
Texas	40	41	.494	14 1/2
Oakland	35	46	.432	19 1/2

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

##### East Division

Washington	47	34	.580	—
Atlanta	39	41	.488	7 1/2
New York	38	42	.475	8 1/2
Miami	35	44	.443	11
Philadelphia	26	53	.329	20

##### Central Division

Milwaukee	44	39	.530	—
Chicago	40	41	.494	3
St. Louis	39	41	.488	3 1/2
Pittsburgh	37	44	.457	6
Cincinnati	35	45	.438	7 1/2

##### West Division

Los Angeles	55	28	.663	—
Arizona	51	31	.622	3 1/2
Colorado	48	35	.578	7
San Diego	33	48	.407	21
San Francisco	32	51	.386	23

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# Run Leg of Tagaman Triathlon

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From left, Wynn Brillo, Kaden Church, and Jinju Thompson head to the finish line en route to completing the relay race in the 2017 Tagaman Triathlon held late last month.



Philippine pro Maria Hodges douses water to her head on her way out to the 10-kilometer run course.



The Philippines' Ian Solana checks his watch as he starts the final leg of the race.



Hong Kong's Lawrence Wong adjusts his race number as he heads out to the run course.



Hong Kong's Leann Szeto is about to complete the on road triathlon race.



Spectators watch the Philippines' Joe Miller runs to the finish line.



Guam's Manami Iijima celebrates her first place finish in the women's pro division.



Saipan's Tyce Mister, left, runs together with South Korea's Young Jun Chon.





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Red Sox beat  
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## 3 SSC members shine in Hawaii meet

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Saipan Swim Club's Ken-to Akimaru, Christian Villacrusis, and David Boyer had notable performances in the 2017 HI BIS Age Group Swim Meet as they combined for 10 first place finishes in the tournament held at the Kawamoto Pool in Hilo, Hawaii late last month.

Akimaru was ranked first in all six events he joined in, while Villacrusis and Boyer



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
David Boyer, seen here racing in a local tournament, and seven other Saipan Swim Club swimmers are in Hawaii for a series of competitions.



each topped two races in the meet that took place last June 24 and 25 and featured seven swim clubs in the Big Island. The 16-year-old Kento Akimaru debuted in the annual meet via the men's 15 to 16's 100m freestyle event and clocked in at 58.12 seconds to prevail against six other swimmers. He was the lone entry in the two-lap race to break the one-minute barrier as runner-up Bodhi Whitmore of Hilo Aquatics could only post 1:01.97.

Next up for Akimaru was the 100m butterfly event and he submitted 1:04.94 to beat Kona Aquatics' Weylin Foo (1:06.46) and Silas Wiley (1:09.85). For his third race, the 800m freestyle event, Akimaru logged 9:21.89 to top

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## Lee upset by unseeded player



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Carol Lee settled for runner-up honors in the singles and doubles events of the Oceania Open Junior Championships 2017 held in Lautoka, Fiji last week.

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An unseeded player foiled Carol Lee's bid for a fifth ITF Juniors title in the Oceania Open Junior Championships 2017.

American Elle Christensen completed her stunning showing in the Grade 5 tournament by sweeping No. 1 seed Lee in their singles finals match, 6-2, 6-3, last Saturday at the Regional Tennis Centre Nadovu Park in Lautoka, Fiji. Lee was the

fourth player hit by Christensen's upset axe, as the U.S. player eliminated the No. 5, 9, and 2 seeded entries in the singles competition.

The U.S. player first downed No. 5 and Japan's Shiho Shibata, 6-2, 6-2, and then beat No. 9 Chiara Di Tommaso of Australia, 6-3, 6-3, to advance to the quarterfinals where she was paired against the favored and No. 2 seed Patricia Apisah of Papua New Guinea.

Christensen went on to oust Apisah, 6-3, 6-1, to move into the semifinals opposite Japan's Hikaru Yoshikawa, a 6-3, 6-3 winner against compatriot Kanami Hayashige. Christensen then won the battle of unseeded players, as she eased past Yoshikawa in the semis match at the lower half of the draw, 6-2, 6-0, to set up a finals showdown against Lee.

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## CNMI runners nearly make podium

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Four CNMI runners were just a notch away from stepping into the podium of the 2017 Oceania Area Championships.

Jamie Pangelinan, Leani Acosta, Riella Ann Billy Ichuio, and Zarinae Sapong suited up for the Commonwealth's 4x400m relay team and finished fourth in last Saturday's race at the ANZ Stadium in Suva, Fiji. The four-

some clocked in at 55.63 seconds, placing behind Australia (47.67 seconds), New Zealand (48.04 seconds) and Fiji (48.67 seconds) and ahead of Nauru (56.60 seconds). Grace Brennan, Jessica Payne, Sophie McGovern, and Georfie Boal ran for the Aussies' under 20 team in the relay event, while New Zealand was represented by Tegan Duffy, Lauren Henry,

Sumer Rutherford, and Georgia Hulls. Fiji's relay squad, on the other hand, was composed of Fane Sauvakacolo, Heleina Young, Alesi Bulisala, and Mereoni Loki, while Nauru had Melanie Ribauw, De Rosa Herman, Gale Storm Daoe, and Istrina Tsitsi.

Meanwhile, Pangelinan earlier raced in the women's

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Members of the CNMI's 4x100m relay team pose for a photo before their race in the 2017 Oceania Area Championships last weekend at the ANZ Stadium in Suva, Fiji.